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VIRUS OUTBREAK

Pandemic precautions

Individual tents, uniform masks among protocols as 173rd Brigade returns to field



PHOTOS BY RYAN LUCAS/U.S. Army

U.S. paratroopers assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade make their way to an aircraft for airborne operations at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, on Thursday in preparation for Exercise Saber Junction 20.

By NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

MVICENZA, Italy
Members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Germany for the annual Saber Junction exercise are required to wear masks in most circumstances this year, but not when jumping from the door of an aircraft.

"It's not hard to social distance at 1,200 feet," said Maj. Chris Bradley, a brigade spokesman.

In its first large-scale exercise since the coronavirus pandemic spread, the Italy-based quick reaction unit is trying to prove not only that it can rapidly deploy and fight, but that it can

do so safely.

Nearly 3,000 of its soldiers have gathered at bases in Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels for the drills, which are designed to certify that it can maintain its deployability requirements and fulfill its light-infantry mission.

Brigade commander Col. Kenneth Burgess, who ordered stringent restrictions on troops within U.S. Army Garrison Italy in response to the virus, was also "thorough and deliberate" in virus mitigation strategies for the exercise, said Lt. Col. Chris Forster, the brigade's surgeon.

"You can imagine from his perspective: We're based in Italy and now we're crossing

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A member of the U.S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade is tested for the coronavirus on Caserma Del Din, Italy prior to departing for a training rotation in Germany on July 13.

African, Asian workers at Bagram protest US contractor

By PHILLIP WALTER WELLMAN
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — African and Asian workers at Bagram Airfield who recently demonstrated on base say their company pays them less than others for the same work because of where they're from.

Some of the workers, from countries like India, Kenya, Nepal and Uganda, are considering going on strike over what they say is discrimination by Fluor Corp., even if it means they lose their jobs.

"Hundreds of employees, especially from Africa and India, feel they have been discriminated against by Fluor's policies because of their race and countries of origin," said one of several workers who spoke to Stars and Stripes on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal.

The workers are the lowest-paid Fluor employees at Bagram. They say they earn less for doing the same work as colleagues in higher pay brackets, many of whom are white.

Fluor said all of its practices follow the guidelines of its U.S. Army contract.

"Our compensation is aligned with the market conditions in the particular countries from which employees are recruited," Fluor said in a statement. "Additionally, these policies and practices do not allow for, nor does Fluor tolerate discrimination."

On July 12, hundreds of workers protested outside Fluor's human resources office at Bagram, demanding promotions and better pay, they said.

The protest, believed to be the first of its kind, came after some workers assumed the duties of higher-paid colleagues who returned to their home countries because of the coronavirus pandemic, the workers said.

Three days after the demonstration, Fluor management in Afghanistan said in a statement

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Target to also end Thanksgiving store shopping

By ANNE D'INNOCENZO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Target is joining Walmart in closing its stores on Thanksgiving Day, ending a decade-long tradition of bumper-starting Black Friday doorbuster sales.

The move, announced Monday, comes as stores are rethinking this year's Black Friday shopping weekend — along with other key retail days during the holiday season — as the country battles

the coronavirus pandemic.

Stores always depended on big holiday crowds and work as much as a year in advance with manufacturers on securing exclusive items. Now, the virus has turned the holiday shopping model upside down. Stores have slashed orders and crowds are an anathema. With fears of a wave of virus cases in the fall, the biggest nightmare would be if retailers had to reclose during the most critical time of the year, analysts said. "Historically, deal hunting

and holiday shopping can mean crowded events, and this isn't a year for crowds," Minneapolis-based Target said in a corporate blog posted. It said its holiday deals would come earlier than ever — starting in October.

The bigger question still looms on how to handle Black Friday itself, which also draws huge crowds — and sales. Despite competition from Thanksgiving shopping, Black Friday ranks as either the top or No. 2 sales day of the year.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates			
Euro costs (July 29)	\$1.14	Switzerland (Franc).....0.9163	
Dollar buys (July 29)	€0.8312	Thailand (Baht).....31.49	
British pound (July 29)	\$1.26	Turkey (Lira).....6.9581	
Japanese yen (July 29)	¥103.00	(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	
U.S. dollar (July 29)	\$1.00		
Commercial rates			
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770		
British pound	\$1.2919		
Canada (Dollar)	1.3395		
China (Yuan)	7.0006		
Denmark (Krone)	6.3447		
Egypt (Pound)	15.9799		
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.1730/0.8525		
Hungary (Forint)	77.504		
Israel (Shekel)	2.9535		
Japan (Yen)	105.09		
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3060		
Norway (Krone)	9.1236		
Philippines (Peso)	48.18		
Poland (Zloty)	3.75		
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7502		
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3789		
South Korea (Won)	1,199.55		

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Prime rate	3.25
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Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.08
30-year mortgage	5.50

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MIDEAST

Iran fires missile at mock aircraft carrier

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard fired a missile from a helicopter targeting a replica aircraft carrier in the strategic Strait of Hormuz, state television reported Tuesday, an exercise aimed at threatening the U.S. amid tensions between Tehran and Washington.

The drill, in a waterway through which 20% of all traded oil passes, underlines the lingering threat of military conflict between Iran and the U.S. after last summer saw a series of incidents targeting oil tankers in the region. In January, a U.S. drone strike killed a top Iranian general in Baghdad and Tehran responded by firing ballistic missiles targeting American forces in Iraq.

While the coronavirus pandemic has engulfed both Iran and the U.S. for months, there have been increasing signs of a confrontation as America argues to extend a yearslong U.N. weapons embargo on Tehran that is due to expire in October. A recent incident over Syria involving an American jet fighter approaching an Iranian passenger plane also has renewed tensions.

Iranian commandos fast-roped down from a helicopter onto the replica in the footage aired Tuesday from the exercise called "Great Prophet 14." Other footage showed fast boats encircling the mock-up, kicking up white waves in their wake.

Iranian troops also fired anti-aircraft batteries at a drone target in the exercise from

a location that state television described as being near the port city of Bandar Abbas. Troops also fired missiles launched from trucks on land and fast boats at sea, as well as shoulder-fired missiles.

The Guard will use "long-range ballistic missiles with the ability to hit far-reaching aggressor floating targets" during the drill, said Abbas Nilforoushan, the Guard's deputy commander for operations, according to Guard website sepaahnews.com. That suggests the drill could see a repeat of what happened in 2015, when the Guard mock-sunk a replica.

It wasn't immediately clear if all the footage was from Tuesday, as one overhead surveillance image that appeared to be shot by a drone bore Monday's date.

The exercise had been expected as satellite photos released Monday showed the fake carrier being moved into place by a tugboat.

A black-and-white satellite photo taken Tuesday by Colorado-based firm Maxar Technologies showed damage to the replica's bow and several of its fake jet fighters.

The replica used in the drill resembles the Nimitz-class carriers that the U.S. Navy routinely sails into the Persian Gulf from the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the waterway. The USS Nimitz, the namesake of the class, just entered Mideast waters late last week from the Indian Ocean, likely to replace the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower in the Arabian Sea.

Afghan province sees more Taliban attacks after US leaves bases

By J.P. LAWRENCE
Stars and Stripes

ACHIN DISTRICT, Afghanistan — In the weeks since U.S. troops pulled out of bases in eastern Afghanistan, frequent Taliban attacks have become the new normal for many in Nangarhar province, militia fighter Hekmatullah said as he scanned the valley below his remote outpost.

"Now, it's the Taliban. Before, it was Daesh," said the 20-year-old, using an Arabic acronym for Islamic State that the extremists dislike. "Our lives are the same as before."

Hekmatullah, 20, who like many Afghans uses only one name, was manning the same outpost where his father was killed in the fight against the ISIS affiliate in Afghanistan last year.

Most of the territory that was briefly controlled by the extremist group in the country was in Nangarhar province.

ISIS was ousted from Nangarhar last year after offensives by the Taliban, Afghan government troops and the U.S. military, which had troops at bases in Achin and Deh Bala districts.

American troops left Achin in May and Deh Bala last month, locals said.

Today, the scars of decades of war and recent battles against ISIS mar the landscape in Achin around the former U.S. Combat Outpost Blackfish, which once housed small Special Forces teams.

A gaping crater in the side of a mountain marks the spot where the U.S. dropped the GBU-43B Massive Ordnance Air Blast, or MOAB, that killed some 90 ISIS fighters in 2017.

The countryside is pockmarked with ISIS positions that were reduced to rubble by U.S. bombing campaigns.

Unexploded ordnance has turned a once-busy marketplace near Blackfish into a ghost town.

Dozens of militants died in the market from U.S. airstrikes, locals said.

Taliban fighters have launched daily attacks in the district since the U.S. left, said Dost Mohammad, a militia commander who lost two of his men within the last month in battles with the insurgents.

"They are stronger, they are fighting more," Mohammad said.

Taliban attacks are also on the rise in other provinces where the U.S. has shut down bases, some of them under the terms of a Feb. 29 deal with the Taliban.

In Uruzgan province, Taliban fighters have stepped up attacks and begun blocking roads since the U.S. pulled out in April, said Zargai Ebad, the provincial governor's spokesman.

The U.S. withdrawal "has already had a negative impact on the security of the province," he said.

There have also been signs of hope amid the security fears. Pakтика and Laghman provinces have seen no increase in violence by the Taliban, provincial and military officials said. Farmers who fled Achin during the brief period when the district fell under ISIS rule have returned, and a mosque in the district that was destroyed in a 2017 battle against ISIS is being rebuilt, they said.

The leader of the Afghan forces that now call the former U.S. base in Achin home was confident they would prevail over the Taliban.

"The Taliban are not like Daesh — Daesh had better weapons," 1st Lt. Hashmat Mubariz said. "It is not possible for the Taliban to take over."

Nawab Momand and Zubair



Mohammad



PHOTOS BY J.P. LAWRENCE/Stars and Stripes

The view from an Afghan militia outpost in Achin district of eastern Afghanistan is seen Sunday. Fighters at the outpost said the Taliban have increased attacks in the weeks since U.S. troops left a base in the valley.



Above: A building at former U.S. Combat Outpost Blackfish in Achin district, Nangarhar province, still contained items U.S. troops left behind.

Left: An Afghan militia fighter mans a small outpost in Achin district Sunday.

EUROPE

Precautions: Safety is a top priority during multinational exercise

FROM FRONT PAGE

borders," Forster said. "He understands the optics of it. We owe an obligation to keep people safe."

All 2,700 troops were screened for the virus a few days before getting on buses to travel from Italy and Germany, where some brigade components were based earlier this month. Public Health Command Europe labs processed the tests and returned results within 48 hours, Forster said.

Only soldiers who tested negative deployed, while an undisclosed number who tested positive were quarantined for two weeks and must test negative twice before being released.

In the field, the troops sleep in thousands of one-person tents, rather than open barracks bays, and chow is served outside by masked and gloved troops.

Masks and bottles of hand sanitizer are mandatory uniform items and troops are required to sanitize "common-touch" items such as computer keyboards, shared tools and vehicles at least twice daily.

Trips to the exchange store, shopette, gym or elsewhere on the main bases are for the first time forbidden, as the brigade seeks to "send a message" to the community that it is doing its best to avoid unnecessary risk, Bradley said.

The pandemic "adds an extra dimension" to the annual training, he said, but officials have discussed the Army's history of operating during outbreaks of diseases like yellow fever, malaria and the deadly 1918 Spanish flu, which U.S. troops are widely believed to have spread across the Atlantic during World War I.

As the U.S. struggles to contain the coronavirus at home — with more than 4.3 million cases and more than 148,000 deaths — mili-



JOHN YOUNTZ/U.S. Army

Paratroopers from 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, fire a 120 mm mortar illumination round last week.

tary officials have seen higher rates of positive cases among people coming from the States, Col. Rodney Coldren, Public Health Command Europe's chief of preventive medicine, said earlier this month. But the tests have shown "extremely low" infection rates among troops who travel within Europe, Coldren said.

Both Italy and Germany were hit hard in the spring by COVID-19 but have since brought case counts and fatalities to comparatively low levels.

Officials in both countries forced the exercise to be delayed by more than a month to allow virus case numbers on either side of the border to decline, Forster said.

Paratroopers with the 173rd are expected to be tested again before returning to their home bases, Forster said.

'All are enforcing social distancing and implementation of "bubbles" wherever possible.'

Lt. Col. Michael Weisman
spokesman for the 7th Army Training Command

Sailor dies after being struck by driver in Sicily

Stars and Stripes

A sailor assigned to U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella in Italy died Sunday after being hit by a vehicle while crossing a road near the Sicilian city of Catania, the Navy said.

The circumstances surrounding the death of Seaman Arturo Rivera, 22, are under investigation, the Navy said Monday.

"We mourn the loss of one of our own in this tragic accident," hospital commander Capt. Denise Gechas said in a statement. "Hospitalman Arturo Rivera was an outstanding Sailor and will be greatly missed by his shipmates, co-workers, and leadership."

Rivera, who was from Long Beach, Calif., joined the Navy in October 2018. He had been as-



PHOTOS BY RYAN LUCAS/U.S. Army



Above: U.S. paratroopers assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade conduct inspections prior to a July 23 jump at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany. Left: A U.S. paratrooper waits for the airborne operation to begin.

Other countries participating in Saber Junction include Albania, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, North Macedonia, Romania and Ukraine.

"All the countries are participating in testing, and some are conducting restrictions of movements (based on the current German guidelines on travel between countries)," said Lt. Col. Michael Weisman, spokesman for the 7th Army Training Command. "All are enforcing social distancing and implementation of 'bubbles' wherever possible."

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Taliban to suspend military operations during Eid ul Adha

By KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — The Taliban announced Tuesday they won't carry out military operations in Afghanistan for three days during the Muslim holiday of Eid ul Adha that starts this weekend.

In a statement promising a brief respite to the fighting, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahed said commanders had been ordered not to carry out operations for three days and nights, but can defend themselves if attacked.

The statement also said Taliban fighters are not to fraternize with Afghan security forces personnel and neither side is to cross into the other's territory.

The Afghan government welcomed the Taliban announcement, and presidential spokesman Sediq Sedighi said Afghan security forces were also ordered not to attack but only defend themselves.

The Taliban announcement followed a conciliatory message by leader Maulvi Hibatullah Akhundzada earlier Tuesday to mark the Muslim holiday. Both communities come as Washington's peace envoy returns to the region to try and jump-start negotiations between the Afghan government and the Taliban.

In his Eid message, Akhundzada said the Taliban doesn't seek to monopolize power in a future political makeup of Afghanistan. He also said they support education for all and are abiding by the peace deal signed with the U.S. in February. The lengthy message repeatedly references an Islamic government the Taliban seek to establish, without elaborating how it would be different.

U.S. peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad was expected in the Afghan capital of Kabul, as well as in Qatar, where the Taliban maintain a political office. He was also expected in Islamabad, but there was some question about whether Pakistan was still part of his itinerary.

The U.S.-Taliban deal signed Feb. 29 was touted as the best hope for peace in Afghanistan after decades of war. While the U.S. and NATO have already begun reducing their troop strength, the

second phase of the deal — which calls for talks between the Taliban and the Kabul political leadership — has been delayed. Much of the delays have been as a result of Kabul's reluctance to free several hundred of the Taliban prisoners identified for release as part of the agreement.

Kabul had claimed those Taliban prisoners were hardened criminals, guilty of major crimes.

But on Tuesday, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani said he was ready to free the remainder of the prisoners, without specifying why the change of heart or if an agreement had been reached with the Taliban to substitute some of them, a proposal the Taliban earlier rejected.

Under the deal, Kabul is to release 5,000 Taliban and the insurgents had promised to free 1,000 government and military personnel. So far, Kabul has freed about 4,000 and the Taliban nearly 800.

"With this action, we look forward to the start of direct negotiations with the Taliban in a week's time," said Ghani in the Afghan capital Kabul.

Ghani also called for a permanent cease-fire, but the Taliban have consistently said they were ready to negotiate a cease-fire in the talks with Kabul — whenever they begin — and accused the Afghan government of attacking the Taliban in their homes.

The Taliban have stuck to their promise not to attack U.S. and NATO troops, but have carried out scores of attacks on Afghan military targets. The United States would like to see those attacks reduced or stopped.

"The Islamic Emirate has fulfilled its obligations regarding signing an agreement with the United States ... and efforts toward launching intra-Afghan negotiations," said Akhundzada. "It is now up to the other parties to determine how they utilize this opportunity."

The Taliban, whose regime was ousted in 2001 by the U.S.-led invasion, said they would allow girls to go to school and women to work, should they return to power. Under a Taliban-ruled Afghanistan, girls were not allowed to go to school and women were barred from working.



Employees working for the U.S.-based Fluor Corporation at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan demonstrate outside the company's HR office on base on Sunday, July 12.

Bagram: Workers might continue to strike even after threats of possibly losing jobs

FROM FRONT PAGE

to workers that its lowest-paid employees had received pay increases this year and that changes had been made to the promotion system.

"In all, you are being paid a great deal more than your employment terms required and with a much faster promotion plan than you agreed to," the statement signed by company manager Bryan Owens said.

Employees who take part in further protests would be "subject to immediate termination" because protesting on Bagram violated Defense Department policy, he said.

Demonstrations can lawfully be prohibited on military bases in contingency areas due to security concerns, said Sam McCahon, an attorney with extensive experience representing U.S. government contractors.

Neither the Defense Department nor the U.S. military in Afghanistan provided an explanation of the policy on demonstrations at Bagram after repeated requests for clarification.

U.S. employees are legally allowed to pay other country nationals, or OCNs, different amounts than Americans for the same work, McCahon said.

Most of the laws that protect workers against discrimination in the U.S. aren't valid overseas and the one law that has extraterritorial application, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, only applies to U.S. citizens, he said.

The workers who spoke with Stars and Stripes said they agreed to their pay rate before arriving in Afghanistan, but didn't realize others would be earning more for the same work, or that promotions would be slow in coming.

"Many people feel stuck," said a worker from India who earns \$750 a month and was worried about losing his job if he protests again. For him and others, their work is the main source of income for their families.

Some said they were considering more work stoppages in spite of the threat to their jobs.

"As we speak, a strike by the poorly paid ... employees is looming," one said.

"There is still the possibility of another strike," said another. "The anger that has been simmering inside everyone for a long time now is burning."

Work stoppages could lead to disruptions to base services like catering, waste management, laundry, water supply and transportation, which are provided by Fluor workers.

Fluor, which has assets of about \$9 billion, also recently came under scrutiny for holding some former employees in temporary housing at Bagram for months without pay before finding them transportation home.

Some of the workers couldn't return home because their countries weren't allowing flights from Afghanistan based on coronavirus risks, Fluor said at the time. An employee from North Macedonia died by suicide at the base last month after waiting more than two months without pay to be sent home, even though his country had been allowing its citizens to return.

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MILITARY

Army investigates tank incident at Fort Bliss

By COREY DICKSTEIN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — A Fort Bliss soldier was injured last week when his tank was struck by an errant round fired by another tank during a live-fire exercise on the southwestern Texas installation, Army officials said Monday.

The soldier was injured and had been released from the hospital by Monday, said Lt. Col. Lindsey Elder, a spokeswoman for

Fort Bliss' 1st Armored Division.

The Army launched a command investigation into the incident, Elder said.

An M1A2 Abrams main battle tank fired an explosive training round and struck another tank in its platoon during an exercise on July 20, another Army official said. The official was not authorized to discuss the incident and talked on condition of anonymity.

The injured soldier was assigned to the Fort Bliss-based 3rd Armored Brigade

Combat Team, 1st Armored Division.

The soldier received immediate medical attention after the incident and is recovering, Elder said.

The Army official said the tanks were more than 1.5 miles apart and practicing shooting at moving targets when the tank fired the round that struck the other tank.

The tank suffered "some damage," the official said without elaborating.

The incident was first reported by the Defense Blog news website, which report-

ed the injured soldier was quickly attended to by other members of his tank crew who were unharmed in the blast.

Elder said Monday that the Army would not provide further comment on the incident and she declined to provide an estimated date that the inquiry would be completed.

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U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Harry Harris has shaved his mildly controversial mustache, saying it was too uncomfortable to keep it while wearing a coronavirus mask amid South Korea's notoriously hot summer.



LEFT BY YONHAP/AP; RIGHT BY KIM GAMEL/Stars and Stripes

US envoy to South Korea shaves mustache, cites mask discomfort

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The U.S. ambassador to South Korea has shaved his controversial mustache, saying it made wearing a mask to prevent spreading the coronavirus more uncomfortable in the summer heat.

Ambassador Harry Harris, a retired Navy admiral, was clean-shaven when he led U.S. Pacific Command before arriving in Seoul to take up his new post in July 2018.

Harris said he grew the mustache to mark his new diplomatic career after four decades in the military.

However, the facial hair irritated some South Koreans who associated it with the 1910-45 Japanese colonial rule of the peninsula since many Japanese governors had mustaches.

The ambassador, who was born in Japan to a Japanese mother and an American Navy officer, acknowledged that his mustache had become "a point of some fascination" in South Korea.

Harris offered a practical explanation for shaving it off over the weekend, along with an implicit endorsement for rules requiring masks to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the respiratory disease

caused by the coronavirus.

"Glad I did this. For me it was either keep the 'stache or lose the mask. Summer in Seoul is way too hot & humid for both," he tweeted on Saturday. "#COVID guidelines matter & I'm a masked man."

The U.S. Embassy also produced a playful video showing Harris going into the barbershop and getting a shave from the barber identified as Mr. Oh, who of course was wearing a mask.

"Wow, I haven't seen this face in years," Harris said afterward. "I feel so much cooler now."

Relations between South Korea and Japan have deteriorated over the past year due to trade and historical disputes.

The ambassador also has been a lightning rod for South Korean criticism as the longtime allies have engaged in disputes over defense cost-sharing and the approach to dealing with North Korea amid stalled nuclear talks.

Several anti-American activists broke into his official residence in Seoul last year to protest U.S. demands for the South to sharply increase its contribution for housing some 28,500 U.S. troops on the divided peninsula.

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Navy ships return to Oahu after hurricane just misses Hawaii

By WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — Navy vessels that sortied out of Hawaii during the approach of Hurricane Douglas over the weekend began returning Monday to Oahu, which was largely spared damage by wind or flooding from the storm.

"There is no damage to the piers from the storm, and Navy vessels are beginning to return to port," Navy Region Hawaii said in a statement Monday. "This will be completed in the coming days."

The Navy did not disclose the number of ships and submarines that sortied.

The Army resumed normal operations at all gates at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter at 7 a.m. Monday, while the Coast Guard lifted all remaining restrictions on commercial ports in the state.

"As of 5 a.m., Hurricane Douglas was moving away from the main Hawaiian Islands," the Coast Guard said in a statement. "A hurricane warning remains for portions of the Papanauaoukaea Marine National Monument."

Strong surf and rip currents remain threats on the state's shorelines, even with the passing of the hurricane, the Coast Guard said.

An Air Force Reserve crew dubbed the Hurricane Hunters

collected weather data during flights above the storm, which was the first hurricane of the Pacific this season. The reconnaissance squadron is based at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

The eye of the hurricane passed roughly 35 miles north of Oahu at about 7:30 p.m. Sunday, according to the Central Pacific Hurricane Center. It then passed 40 miles north of Kauai island around midnight.

The state's major military installations are on Oahu, while the Navy's Barking Sands Pacific Missile Range Facility is on Kauai.

Robert Ballard, science and operations officer for the Central Pacific Hurricane Center, on Monday told Hawaii Public Radio that the islands missed a direct hit by a "razor thin" margin that could have easily closed because hurricanes do not move in a straight line.

"They tend to zig-zag a little bit," Ballard told the radio station as Douglas approached Sunday. "If one of those zags happens by the islands, it could bring drastically worse conditions."

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Husband wounds airman wife, shoots himself at Hurlburt Field

By CAITLIN M. KENNEY
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — An airman was shot Friday evening at Hurlburt Field, Fla., by her civilian husband in an incident that ended nearly 90 minutes later with the shooter killing himself, base officials said.

The shooter, Elliot Alexechik, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at the scene of the incident at the air force base, according to a statement by 1st Special Op-

erations Wing, a unit at Hurlburt Field.

His wife, Airman 1st Class Kimberly Alexechik with 1st Special Operations Wing, was transported to a local hospital with a gunshot wound. As of Sunday, she was in stable condition and "focused on recovery," base officials said.

The shooting is being investigated by Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

The base was put on lockdown Friday after the shooting was re-

ported at about 4:28 p.m., base officials said. The lockdown was lifted at about 5:55 p.m. when the scene was secured by military and local law enforcement.

Statements by 1st Special Operations Wing do not identify where the shooting happened, however people living in base housing were told to shelter in place during the lockdown, Northwest Florida Daily News reported.

The commander of 1st Special Operations Wing called the incident Friday a "senseless

tragedy."

"The 1st Special Operations Wing does not condone domestic violence. We constantly work to mitigate this needless violence through our on-base resources and programs that are offered to all Hurlburt Field members," Air Force Col. Jocelyn Schermerhorn wrote in a post on the unit's official Facebook page.

1st Special Operations Wing is one of five Air Force active-duty special operations wings under Air Force Special Operations

command. It provides air support to special operations missions around the world, according to Hurlburt Field's official website.

Hurlburt Field is about 38 miles east of Pensacola.

The base has more than 8,600 service members and employs about 4,300 civilian personnel, according to its website.

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Staff Sgt. Clayton Wright, of Montrose, Colo., pre-screens people entering the hospital at Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo in March. Yokota has five active cases of coronavirus as of Tuesday.

Americans asked to stay on bases on Okinawa

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The U.S. military in Japan reported another six cases of the coronavirus Monday and Tuesday at bases on Okinawa and in Tokyo.

Also Tuesday, an Okinawa health official called on U.S. military personnel to stay on their installations and for tourists to stay away from the island to stem the further spread of the virus.

"It is very concerning as the off-base infection cases are rising currently and more foot traffic will be going out off base as Marines and their families start to go off base," an Okinawa prefectural health spokesman told Stars and Stripes on Tuesday. "It will increase the chance of new infections."

Capacity at local hospitals is stretched, he said.

After a two-month stretch without a new infection, the number of cases on the island prefecture since July 8 has risen to 89. Gov. Denny Tamaki reported 21 new cases on Tuesday, according to the Okinawa Times. Okinawa has reported 232 cases since the pandemic began.

Meanwhile, the Marines on Okinawa reported two more cases of the virus Tuesday at Camp Hansen, one of two Marine installations where outbreaks occurred following the Fourth of July weekend. The other cluster is at nearby Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

Together, the two bases account for 227 cases, by far the majority of U.S. military cases on Okinawa.



JUAN CARPANEZANO/U.S. Marine Corps

A Marine has his temperature checked at Camp Courtney, Okinawa. There has been a surge of coronavirus cases on Okinawa this month.

The Marines on Monday relaxed some restrictions on the island to permit service members, civilian employees and families to make use of essential services.

However, they are forbidden from spending free time on non-essential activities like recreation or to patronize bars and clubs.

The Marines identified the two new cases as having had close contact with other individuals linked to the Camp Hansen cluster, according to a post on the Marine Corps Installations Pacific Facebook page.

The two were tested while in quarantine before being released, the post said. "All of these individuals have been moved into isolation," it added.

The Marines, while specifying the number of new cases, did not identify them as Marines, Defense Department civilian employees, contractors or family members.

Also Tuesday, the Air Force reported two new cases at Yokota Air Base, headquarters of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo, according to a post on the Yokota official Facebook page.

The post said two other patients were released from isolation after testing negative, keeping Yokota's number of active cases at five. The two new cases had been in contact with another infected person, the post stated.

On Monday, the Air Force also reported two new cases at Kadena Air Base on Okinawa. One is affiliated with the military but the 18th Wing did not specify whether that person is a service member, civilian or family member, according to a post Monday on the base's official Facebook page. That person recently arrived at the base and tested positive at the end of the two-week period of restricted movement, the post said.

The second individual is a Japanese citizen who works at the rental car customer service counter at the Army and Air Force Exchange at Kadena, according to the post.

Because AAFES has installed plexiglass at the service counter, frequently sanitizes its surfaces and insists on patrons wearing masks and maintaining social distancing, "customer encounters with the employee do not meet the criteria of a close contact," the Kadena post states.

Both individuals are in isolation, according to the post. Likewise, anyone identified by base public health authorities as a close contact of either individual is in quarantine, according to the post.

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DODEA extends deadline to mull virtual learning

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Defense Department schools have extended a deadline to apply for the virtual learning option this school year.

Department of Defense Education Activity parents now have until 6 p.m. EST on Thursday to decide whether they will send their children back to school for in-person instruction or keep them home for virtual learning as the coronavirus pandemic rages on. The previous deadline was Tuesday.

"DODEA will provide a full-time virtual learning option for students and families with health vulnerabilities related to COVID-19 or who are concerned about returning to a brick-and-mortar school setting," the agency said in a statement.

Defense Department schools closed this spring in favor of on-line instruction as the coronavirus spread across the world. Schools in Italy shut their doors on Feb. 24, followed by Bahrain and South Korea two days later. Schools in Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Turkey and Spain, Japan and the United Kingdom closed in March.

Next month, DODEA plans to reopen schools in areas where the health protection condition is at Bravo or better while also offering a virtual option. Health Protection Condition Bravo indicates the risk level is moderate with an increased chance of community transmission, according to the Defense Department.

The deadline extension was made to "allow parents additional time to make an informed decision about choosing a virtual option," DODEA said on its website.

The extension comes as the Federal Education Association is urging parents to select the on-line option. The teacher's union expressed concern that planned coronavirus precautions would not be enough to keep educators and students safe.

Precautions for the classroom include social distancing, using face masks when social distancing is not possible and regular handwashing and sanitizing, according to a 34-page document on DODEA's planned operational plan.

Parents will also be required to prescreen students before they go to school, checking their children's temperatures and looking for coronavirus symptoms such as shortness of breath or fatigue.

They must sign a form at enrollment "acknowledging their responsibility to perform the pre-

'DODEA has presented a very unrealistic picture of what to expect from an in-person reopening of schools.'

Gary Hritz
Federal Education Association

screening protocol each day before their child departs for school or a school sponsored activity," according to the document.

The teachers' union is concerned that "DODEA has presented a very unrealistic picture of what to expect from an in-person reopening of schools," union spokesman Gary Hritz told Stars and Stripes in an email Monday.

"If the agency will not implement a remote opening while it gets its act together and comes up with realistic plans for cleaning and other issues, then the virtual-schools option is by far the safest way to go," he said.

DODEA director Tom Brady, in a statement on the DODEA website, said "face-to-face instruction and the routines of school add significantly to success and growth for all students."

"While we responded to the closures quickly in providing continuity through digital learning, we have always believed that instruction in the classroom is the optimal learning environment for most of our military-connected students," Brady said. "Restoring teaching and learning to the familiar environments of our classrooms, provides students with stability and continuity."

Some parents, such as Lt. Cmdr. Jeremy Smith, a quality assurance officer for Submarine Group 7 at Yokosuka, say the online options do not offer enough courses. Online students up to eighth grade take four core classes and either music, art or physical education. High school students are recommended to take no more than five classes per semester and enroll in summer school to complete course requirements.

"We opted for in-person because the online didn't allow for enough courses," said Smith, who has a high-schooler who must take seven courses per semester to graduate and a middle-schooler who takes Japanese classes not offered virtually. "Our preference for both would be online if they could do all the courses, as they do better with online learning."

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VIRUS OUTBREAK ROUNDUP

Nevada unveils new reopening strategy

Associated Press

CARSON CITY — Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak announced plans to implement a long-term reopening strategy that allows for more granular decision-making as the coronavirus continues to spread and leaves Nevada unable to follow its original reopening plan.

Sisolak's new strategy will replace broad guidelines with narrower reopening criteria, evaluating data on a business-by-business basis rather than targeting entire industries. Sisolak said the new strategy would hone in on municipalities and even individual zip codes instead of evaluating data at the county level.

The governor said he hopes the strategy protects "good actors" that comply with Nevada's prevention measures and provides businesses and residents a clearer, more predictable idea of when communities will reopen.

Sisolak said the new plan includes tougher enforcement of businesses and local governments that flout safety measures, like the state's mask mandate. The time for spreading awareness and hoping businesses would comply was over, he said.

Sisolak also announced bars in three counties — Humboldt, Lander and Lyon County — had met the criteria necessary to reopen after they were forced shut two weeks ago. The state will still mandate social distancing, face-covering and capacity limits. Bars that don't serve food in Clark, Washoe, Nye and Elko County will remain closed.

Arizona

WINDOW ROCK — Hundreds of people who had been on paid leave from their jobs with the Navajo Nation's gambling enterprise won't be paid after Monday.

Brian Parrish, who heads the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise, said 900 employees began receiving letters and phone calls over the weekend about the layoffs.

Another 125 employees will be paid for another week, he said. A skeleton crew will stay on the payroll to handle human resources work, security, management and finances, Parrish among them.

The enterprise had been preparing to reopen its three casinos in the southwestern New Mexico and a resort casino and new travel center east of Flagstaff when the tribal president extended a closure of some executive offices. That order now expires in mid-August.

California

SACRAMENTO — Demonstrators chained themselves to a fence outside Gov. Gavin Newsom's home Monday, calling for mass inmate releases and an end to immigration transfers because of the coronavirus pandemic, as

deaths mounted at a San Francisco Bay Area prison.

The California Highway Patrol cut the chains linking protesters to the bars of the gate at the front of the residence in suburban Sacramento after about two hours.

Television footage showed 14 demonstrators sitting cross-legged and chained to each other and the front gate, wearing surgical-style masks and plastic face shields to keep from spreading the virus.

They were arrested without injury or incident on charges of unlawful assembly, trespassing and failing to disperse after a warning, the CHP said. It said demonstrators also spray-painted messages in the street and sidewalk.

Florida

MIAMI — A South Florida man fraudulently obtained \$3.9 million in federal coronavirus relief loans, using some of the money to buy a \$318,000 Lamborghini Huracan, prosecutors said.

David T. Hines, 29, of Miami, was arrested and charged last week with bank fraud, making false statements to a financial institution and engaging in transactions in unlawful proceeds.

Defense attorney Chad Piotrowski said Hines is a legitimate business owner who is anxious to tell his side of the story.

Hines applied to a bank for approximately \$13.5 million in Paycheck Protection Program loans on behalf of different companies, according to a criminal complaint. Fraudulent loan applications were submitted about the companies' respective payroll expenses, investigators said. Hines was approved for \$3.9 million, officials said.

Georgia

ATLANTA — Georgia's governor said he's withdrawing a request for an emergency hearing in a lawsuit that aims to block the state's largest city from ordering people to wear masks in public or imposing other restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gov. Brian Kemp earlier this month sued Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and the City Council, but a spokesman announced late Monday that the governor wanted "to continue productive, good faith negotiations." As a result, the governor decided to withdraw the request for a hearing that was scheduled for Tuesday morning, spokesman Cody Hall said.

The move doesn't withdraw the underlying lawsuit, but it means a judge won't immediately weigh in on whether Kemp or Bottoms is right in a dispute about the extent of Kemp's powers under Georgia's public health state of emergency. The Republican governor argues local leaders cannot impose measures that are more



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Visitors wear face coverings while walking around in the Mountain tourist town of Georgetown, Colo.

or less restrictive than those in his executive orders.

Hall claimed a partial victory Monday as part of the justification for standing down from the emergency hearing, saying Bottoms had clarified previous confusing statements.

Kentucky

FRANKFORT — Criminal jury trials may resume next week in Kentucky, but civil trials are still a couple of months away, the state Supreme Court said.

The court also said in an administrative order that attorneys, jurors, parties, witnesses, members of the public and media must wear facial coverings during jury trials. Judges are responsible for making sure facial coverings are used and social distancing is observed in their courtrooms, the court said.

The court is also allowing eviction actions to resume starting Saturday, but landlords must give 30 days' notice to vacate before filing an eviction action.

Trial judges will determine whether it is advisable to proceed with individual trials, based on local health conditions and the Supreme Court's health and safety requirements, the court said.

Civil jury trials may resume after Oct. 1.

Maine

LEWISTON — A medical center that serves two of the hardest-hit counties in Maine is slated to receive a boost from the federal government to offer more coronavirus testing.

Community Clinical Services in Lewiston has been awarded more than \$320,000 to expand testing and training capacities, Sens. Susan Collins and Angus King said Monday. The center

serves Androscoggin and Cumberland counties, which are two of the three hardest hit counties in the state of Maine in terms of caseload.

The senators said the money has been awarded via the Paycheck Protection Program & Health Care Enhancement Act. They said Community Clinical Services will be able to use the money to expand its range of testing and testing-related activities, including contact tracing.

New Mexico

KIRKLAND — A New Mexico restaurant that sparked anger for erecting a sign that blamed China for the pandemic has had its food service permit suspended.

The Farmington Daily Times reported that the New Mexico Environment Department suspended the food service permit last week for the Country Family Restaurant after accusing the Kirkland, N.M., restaurant of violating statewide health orders.

That order prohibits indoor dining and requires workers to wear masks.

Country Family Restaurant owner Steve Jackson told The Daily Times the state has not shown any proof that indoor dining increases the spread of COVID-19.

In March, Jackson generated anger for posting a sign blaming China for the coronavirus. "CLOSED you can thank CHINA!!!" the sign read outside the Country Family Restaurant.

Texas

AUSTIN — Texas reported an increase of nearly 700 additional deaths from the coronavirus due to a change in how the state collects fatality data, representing a grim surge in the state's

fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

The new figures released Monday show the state now with 5,713 COVID-19-identified fatalities in Texas, compared with 5,038 reported Sunday. The new figures include 44 new deaths reported Monday.

Texas had seen a dramatic spike in newly confirmed cases, hospitalizations and fatalities over the past month, and Gov. Greg Abbott had warned the results could be jarring.

State health officials said the new death totals are compiled by using the cause of death listed on death certificates, instead of waiting for local and regional public health authorities to report them to the state. Death certificates are required by law to be filed within 10 days.

Virginia

RICHMOND — The Virginia High School League has voted to postpone fall sports until the winter and spring because of reopening restrictions during the coronavirus pandemic.

On Monday, the League's executive committee voted 34-1 to play all sports between December and June, effectively canceling the fall football season, news outlets reported.

League Executive Director Billy Haun said high-risk sports couldn't be played until the state moved out of reopening Phase Three or until restrictions such as social distancing and group limitations were loosened.

Fall sports are tentatively scheduled to start practice on Feb. 15, with opening games beginning March 1. Offseason workouts can occur. Dates are subject to change.

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White House and Dems at odds on aid, but talking

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Unemployment assistance, eviction protections and other relief for millions of Americans are at stake as White House officials launched negotiations late Monday with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Democratic Senate leader Chuck Schumer on a new coronavirus aid package that's teetering in Congress ahead of looming deadlines.

While Senate Republicans struggled to roll out their own \$1 trillion proposal, Pelosi implored the White House and GOP lawmakers to stop the infighting and come to the negotiating table with Democrats. Aid runs out Friday for a \$600 weekly jobless benefit that Democrats call a lifeline for out-of-work Americans. Republicans want to slash it to \$200 a week, saying that the federal bump is too generous on top of state benefits and is discouraging employees from returning to work.

"This is wrong. We have to do what's right for the American people," Pelosi said at the Capitol afterward.

With the virus death toll climbing and 4.2 million infections nationwide, both parties are eager for a deal. There is widespread agreement that more money is needed for virus testing, to help schools prepare to open in the fall and to shore up small businesses. Voters are assessing their handling of the virus crisis before the November election, and President

Donald Trump's standing is at one of the lowest points of his term, according to a new AP-NORC poll.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and White House chief of staff Mark Meadows met with Pelosi and Schumer for nearly two hours at the speaker's office. The two top negotiators were to be back at it Tuesday.

The Republicans come to the negotiating table hobbled by infighting and delays. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said he wanted to hit "pause" on new spending after Congress approved a sweeping \$2.2 trillion relief package in March. But Pelosi, D-Calif., took the opposite approach, swiftly passing a \$3 trillion effort with robust Democratic support. In the intervening months, the crisis deepened.

McConnell, flanked by top GOP chairs Monday at the Capitol, unveiled his long-awaited proposal. It provides some \$105 billion to schools and colleges, the K-12 funds tilted toward campuses that reopen with in-person learning. There's more money for virus testing, \$15 billion for child care centers and benefits for businesses, including a fresh round of loans under the Paycheck Protection Program, tax breaks and a sweeping liability shield from COVID-19-related lawsuits.

Republicans left out new money for cash-strapped states and cities, a priority for Democrats, but included another round of \$1,200 direct payments to households that Democrats also support.



SUSAN WALSH/AP

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., left, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., center, and Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, listen during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington on Monday.

Based on an earlier formula, people making \$75,000 or less would receive the full amount, with the benefit phased out for those earning above \$99,000, or double for married couples filing joint taxes.

The GOP bill also provides \$1.7 billion for a new FBI headquarters in Washington, a non-pandemic-related expense that's a top priority for the president but not for lawmakers or McConnell. Trump's hotel is across the street from it on Pennsylvania Avenue.

But Democrats said it was insufficient, and conservative Republicans quickly broke ranks on McConnell's plan, arguing the spending was too much and priorities misplaced.

"The focus of this legislation is wrong," Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, one of the bill's most vocal opponents, told reporters at the Capitol. "Our priority, our objective, should be restarting the economy."

As bipartisan talks unfold, the White House is now suggesting a narrower relief package may be all that's possible with Friday's approaching deadlines.

But Pelosi has resisted tackling a relief package in piecemeal fashion, arguing that broader aid is needed for Americans. "Forget it," she said. Democrats also

panned the Trump administration's desire to reduce the \$600 weekly unemployment aid.

"They managed to have enough money for \$2 billion for the FBI headquarters that benefits Trump hotel and they say they have no money for food assistance?" said Schumer. "What the heck is going on?"

The \$600 weekly jobless benefits boost, approved as part of the March aid package, officially expires July 31, but because of the way states process unemployment payments, the cutoff was effectively Saturday.

Under the GOP proposal, the jobless boost would be reduced to \$200 a week for two months through September and phased out to a new system that ensures no more than 70% of an employee's previous pay.

Friday is also the end of a federal eviction moratorium on millions of rental units that the White House said it wants to extend in some fashion.

At the same time, budget watchers are wary of the rising debt load as Washington piles on unprecedented sums in trying to contain the pandemic and economic fallout.

Trump pushes unproven drug again

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A week after appearing to project a more serious tone about the coronavirus, President Donald Trump is back to spreading misinformation about how to combat the virus and the credibility of Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's leading infectious disease expert.

Fauci pushed back Tuesday, saying he will keep doing his job.

Trump pushed unproven claims that an anti-malaria drug, hydroxychloroquine, is an effective treatment for COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus. But numerous studies have shown that hydroxychloroquine is not effective and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently withdrew an order that allowed the drug's use as an emergency treatment for COVID-19.

Trump retweeted a series of tweets advocating for hydroxychloroquine, including a video of a doctor claiming to have successfully used the drug.

The president also shared a post from the Twitter account for a podcast hosted by Steve Bannon, a former top White House adviser to Trump, accusing Fauci of misleading the public over hydroxychloroquine.

Fauci responded to Trump's tweets during an appearance Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"I go along with the FDA," said Fauci, the longtime director of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "The overwhelming prevailing clinical trials that have looked at the efficacy of hydroxychloroquine have indicated that it is not effective in coronavirus disease."

Scientists still not sure if people can get the virus twice

Associated Press

Can you get the coronavirus twice?

Scientists don't know for sure yet, but they believe it's unlikely. Health experts think people who had COVID-19 will have some immunity against a repeat infection. But they don't know how much protection or how long it would last.

There have been reports of people testing positive for the virus weeks after they were believed to have recovered, leading some to think they may have been reinfected. More likely, experts say people were suffering from the same illness or the tests detected remnants of the original infection. There's also the chance tests could have been false positives.

Scientists say there has been no documented instance of a patient spreading the virus to others after retesting positive.

With similar viruses, studies have shown that people could fall sick again three months to a year after their first infections. It's still too early to know whether that's also possible with the coronavirus.

"It's very much emerging sci-

ence," said Dr. Philip Landrigan, director of the global public health program at Boston College.

A small U.S. study published last week also found the antibodies that fight the coronavirus may only last a few months in people with mild illness, suggesting people could become susceptible again. But antibodies aren't the only defense against a virus, and

the other parts of the immune system could also help provide protection.

Settling the question of whether reinfection is possible is important. If it can occur, that could undermine the idea of "immunity passports" for returning back to workplaces. And it would not bode well for hopes of getting a long-lasting vaccine.



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NATION

Barr defends federal response to US unrest

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General William Barr defended the aggressive federal law enforcement response to civil unrest in America, saying on Tuesday “violent rioters and anarchists have hijacked legitimate protests” sparked by George Floyd’s death at the hands of Minneapolis police.

Barr told members of the House Judiciary Committee at a much-anticipated election year hearing the violence taking place in Portland, Ore., and other cities is disconnected from Floyd’s killing, which he called a “horrible” event that prompted a necessary national reckoning on the relationship between the Black community and law enforcement.

“Largely absent from these scenes of destruction are even superficial attempts by the rioters to connect their actions to George Floyd’s death or any legitimate call for reform,” Barr said of the Portland protests.

The hearing marks Barr’s first appearance before the House Judiciary Committee, bringing him face-to-face with a panel that

voted last year to hold him in contempt and is holding hearings on what Democrats allege is politicization of the Justice Department under his watch. It comes during a tumultuous stretch in which Barr has taken actions cheered by President Donald Trump but condemned by Democrats and other critics.

Opening the hearing, committee Chairman Jerry Nadler said the Trump administration had “twisted the Department of Justice into a shadow of its former self,” serving the powerful before average Americans. He said the committee has a responsibility to protect Americans “from that kind of corruption.”

Nadler said Barr had “aided and abetted” Trump’s worst impulses.

“Your tenure is marked by a persistent war against the department’s professional core in an apparent effort to serve favors for the president,” Nadler said.

Nadler also excoriated Barr and the Justice Department for turning a blind eye to necessary reforms to police departments, for dismissing Black Lives Matter protests and for flooding

streets with federal agents to stop protesters.

Republicans hit back hard in defense of Barr and Trump’s administration. The top Republican on the panel, Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan, showed an eight-minute video that spliced together images of violence by protesters around the country, showcasing law enforcement officers under attack in Chicago, Portland and New York. The images were cut from hundreds of hours of racial injustice footage of largely peaceful protests around the nation.

Barr, in a prepared statement, defends the department in other controversies that have shadowed his tenure, including his handling of the investigation into Trump campaign ties to Russia, which he derisively refers to as “the bogus ‘Russiagate’ scandal.” Barr didn’t read that part of his statement in the hearing room, but it was in remarks sent out by the department.

Barr said “many of the Democrats on this Committee have attempted to discredit me by conjuring up a narrative that I am simply the President’s factotum who disposes of criminal cases



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Attorney General William Barr testifies during a House Judiciary Committee hearing Tuesday in Washington.

according to his instructions. Judging from the letter inviting me to this hearing, that appears to be your agenda today.”

The testimony underscores the Justice Department’s ongoing effort to differentiate between increasing violence in some cities and Floyd’s death, which has led to state charges against four officers and is under investigation by federal authorities. Massive but peaceful demonstrations followed Floyd’s death in May.

The attorney general, speaking as Congress and the public pay respects to the late Rep. John Lewis, acknowledged to lawmakers Floyd’s death struck a chord in the Black community because it reinforced concerns Black people are treated differently by police. But he condemned Americans who he says have responded

inappropriately to Floyd’s death through what he said was rioting and anarchy.

Civil unrest escalated in Portland after federal agents were accused of whisking people away in unmarked cars without probable cause; the people were detained and later released. And in Washington, D.C., peaceful protesters were violently cleared from the streets by federal officers using smoke bombs and pepper balls before a photo op by Trump in front of a church, where Barr had accompanied him.

Barr has defended as necessary the broad use of law enforcement power to deal with the situation, but the department’s internal watchdog has opened investigations into tactics by agents in those cities.

6 mayors seek to block US agents

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The mayors of Portland, Ore., and five other major U.S. cities appealed Monday to Congress to make it illegal for the federal government to deploy militarized agents to cities that don’t want them.

“This administration’s egregious use of federal force on cities over the objections of local authorities should never happen,” the mayors of Portland; Seattle; Chicago; Kansas City, Albuquerque, N.M.; and Washington wrote to leaders of the U.S. House and Senate.

Video from early Tuesday showed law enforcement officers filling a street with gas to disperse protesters. Several loud booms could be heard.

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler and City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty called for a meeting with Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf to discuss a cease-fire and removal of heightened federal forces from Portland.

Earlier in the day, a U.S. official said militarized officers would remain in Portland until attacks on a federal courthouse cease — and more officers may soon be

on the way.

“It is not a solution to tell federal officers to leave when there continues to be attacks on federal property and personnel,” U.S. Attorney Billy Williams said. “We are not leaving the building unprotected to be destroyed by people intent on doing so.”

Local and state officials said the federal officers are unwelcome.

The city has had nightly protests for two months since the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis in May. President Donald Trump said he sent federal agents to Portland to halt the unrest, but state and local officials said they are making the situation worse.

Trump’s deployment of the federal officers over the July 4 weekend stoked the Black Lives Matter movement. The number of nightly protesters had dwindled to perhaps less than 100 right before the deployment, and now has swelled to the thousands.

Early Monday, U.S. agents repeatedly fired tear gas, flash bangs and pepper balls at protesters outside the federal courthouse in downtown Portland. Some protesters had climbed over the fence surrounding the courthouse, while others shot fire-



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

A demonstrator wears a gas mask as federal officers deploy tear gas during a Black Lives Matter protest Monday in Portland, Ore.

works, banged on the fence and projected lights on the building.

The majority of people participating in the daily demonstrations have been peaceful. But a few have been pelting officers with objects and trying to tear down fencing protecting the Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse.

Williams, whose office is inside the courthouse, called on peaceful protesters, community and business leaders and people of faith to not allow violence to occur in their presence and to leave downtown before violence starts. He said federal agents have made 83

arrests.

The U.S. Marshals Service has lined up about 100 people they could send to hotspots, either to strengthen forces or relieve officers who have been working for weeks, agency spokesperson Drew Wade said.

Kris Cline, principal deputy director of Federal Protective Service, said an incident commander in Portland and teams from the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice discuss what force is needed every night.

Cline refused to discuss the number of officers currently present or if more would be arriving.

Union backs teachers if they strike over safety

Associated Press

One of the nation’s largest teachers union is authorizing its members to strike if their schools plan to reopen without proper safety measures in the middle of the global pandemic.

The American Federation of Teachers, which represents 1.7 million school employees, issued a resolution on Tuesday saying it will support any local chapter that decides to strike over reopening plans. The group says school buildings should open only in areas where coronavirus infections are low enough and if schools enact certain safety measures.

In announcing the measure, the union’s president blasted President Donald Trump for ordering schools to reopen even as the virus continues to surge. Randi Weingarten called Trump’s response “chaotic and catastrophic,” saying it has left teachers angry and afraid.

The resolution lays out conditions the union wants met for schools to reopen. It says schools must require masks, promote social distancing and update ventilation systems, among other measures.

NATION

Civil rights icon Lewis lies in state at Capitol

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a solemn display of bipartisan unity, congressional leaders praised Democratic Rep. John Lewis as a moral force for the nation in a Capitol Rotunda memorial service rich with symbolism and punctuated by the booming, recorded voice of the late civil rights icon.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called Lewis the “conscience of the Congress” who was “revered and beloved on both sides of the aisle, on both sides of the Capitol.” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell praised the longtime Georgia congressman as a model of courage and a “peacemaker.”

“The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice,” McConnell, a Republican, said Monday, quoting the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. “But that is never automatic. History only bent toward what’s right because people like John paid the price.”

Lewis died July 17 at the age of 80. Born to sharecroppers during Jim Crow segregation, he was beaten by Alabama state troopers during the civil rights movement, spoke ahead of King’s “I Have a Dream” speech at the 1963 March on Washington and was awarded the Medal of Freedom by the nation’s first Black president in 2011.

Dozens of lawmakers looked on Monday as Lewis’ flag-draped casket sat atop the catafalque built for President Abraham Lincoln. Several viewers wiped tears as the late congressman’s voice echoed off the marble and gilded walls. Lewis was the first Black lawmaker to lie in state in the Rotunda.

“You must find a way to get in



MATT MCCLAIN, THE WASHINGTON POST/AP

People attend a memorial service for the late Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., as he lies in state at the Capitol in Washington on Monday.

the way. You must find a way to get in trouble, good trouble, necessary trouble,” Lewis intoned in a recorded commencement address he’d delivered in his hometown of Atlanta. “Use what you have ... to help make our country and make our world a better place, where no one will be left out or left behind ... It is your time.”

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus wore masks with

the message “Good Trouble,” a nod to Lewis’ signature advice and the COVID-19 pandemic that has made for unusual funeral arrangements.

The ceremony was the latest in a series of public remembrances. Pelosi, who counted Lewis as a close friend, met his casket earlier Monday at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland, and Lewis’ motorcade stopped at Black Lives Mat-

ter Plaza near the White House as it wound through Washington before arriving at the Capitol.

The Democratic speaker noted Lewis, frail with cancer, had come to the newly painted plaza weeks ago to stand “in solidarity” amid nationwide protests against systemic racism and police brutality. She called the image of Lewis “an iconic picture of justice” and juxtaposed it with another image that

seared Lewis into the national memory. In that frame, “an iconic picture of injustice,” Pelosi said, Lewis is collapsed and bleeding near the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., on March 7, 1965, when white state troopers beat him and other Black Americans as they demanded voting rights.

Following the Rotunda service, Lewis’ body was moved to the steps on the Capitol building’s east side in public view, an unusual sequence required because the pandemic has closed the Capitol to visitors.

Late into the night, a long line of visitors formed outside the Capitol as members of the public quietly, and with appropriate socially distant spacing, came to pay their respects to Lewis.

Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden paid his respects Monday afternoon. The pair became friends over their two decades on Capitol Hill together and Biden’s two terms as vice president to President Barack Obama, who awarded Lewis the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Notably absent from the ceremonies was President Donald Trump. Lewis once called Trump an illegitimate president and chided him for stoking racial discord. Trump countered by blasting Lewis’ Atlanta district as “crime-infested.” Trump said Monday that he would not go to the Capitol, but Vice President Mike Pence and his wife paid their respects.

After the memorial in Washington, Lewis’ body will return to Georgia. He will have a private funeral Thursday at Atlanta’s historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, which King once led.

Ga. senator removes ad making rival’s nose bigger

Associated Press



Jon Ossoff

ATLANTA — Republican Sen. David Perdue of Georgia has taken down a digital campaign ad featuring a manipulated picture of his Democratic opponent Jon Ossoff, who is Jewish, with an enlarged nose.

Before being removed, the Facebook ad showed grainy pictures of Ossoff and Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, who is also Jewish, above a banner reading “DEMOCRATS ARE TRYING TO BUY GEORGIA HELP DAVID PERDUE FIGHT BACK.”

The news outlet the Forward first reported that the image was manipulated and made Ossoff’s nose appear larger than in the original photo.

A spokeswoman for Perdue said in a statement Monday that the image has been removed from

Facebook, calling it an “unintentional error” by an outside vendor, without naming the vendor.

“Anybody who implies that this was anything other than an inadvertent error is intentionally misrepresenting Senator Perdue’s strong and consistent record of standing firmly against anti-Semitism and all forms of hate,” the spokeswoman said.

But Ossoff pushed back on the assertion that it was just an error: “Sitting U.S. Senator David Perdue’s digital attack ad distorted my face to enlarge and extend my nose. I’m Jewish. This is the oldest, most obvious, least original anti-Semitic trope in history,” Ossoff said in a statement. “Senator, literally no one believes your excuses. You can start with an unqualified apology to Georgia’s Jewish community.”

Democratic committee approves platform with progressives’ input

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Reflecting presidential candidate Joe Biden’s careful positioning, a key Democratic party committee on Monday approved a 2020 platform that presents a liberal outline for the country but rejects many policies pursued by the left’s most outspoken progressives.

The document, approved by Democrats’ platform committee on a voice vote, now goes to more than 4,000 Democratic delegates who will vote by mail on whether to approve the document ahead of the party’s August convention, which will take place almost entirely online because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The final draft endorses universal health care coverage but, as Biden does, calls for a “public option” insurance plan to compete in existing private insurance markets as the next step. Committee members overwhelmingly rejected amendments to more ex-

plicitly endorse the single-payer insurance model like what Bernie Sanders pushed.

In a lengthy passage demanding an overhaul of the criminal justice system, Democrats decried the effects of a decadeslong “war on drugs.” But committee members rejected an amendment to legalize marijuana. The same section demanded an end to police violence against Americans, but it does not endorse some activists’ calls to “defund the police.”

In total, the platform is part of Biden’s effort to balance the center-left establishment that has been his political home for decades with the party’s ascendant progressive wing represented by high-profile figures like Sanders, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. In fact, the drafting process included a series of policy committees that Biden’s campaign convened with Sanders’ campaign after the Vermont senator finished as runner-up in

the nominating fight. Ocasio-Cortez was included in that process, while Warren has emerged as a key policy adviser who talks regularly with Biden.

The platform committee voted repeatedly Monday not to modify language that would push the party closer to embracing Sanders’ “Medicare for All” health insurance model, sticking with Biden’s preferred language promising to “expand” the 2010 health care law signed by President Barack Obama.

On climate, the platform calls for joining international alliances of nations agreeing to sharp reductions in carbon pollution. Biden, after working with progressives, agreed explicitly to the goal of making the nation’s energy grid carbon neutral by 2035. That detail does not appear in the platform. The document also makes no mention of some Democrats’ Green New Deal legislative proposals, that includes even more aggressive timelines.

NATION

Virus woes loom as Texas cleans up damage from Hanna

Associated Press

WESLACO, Texas — As recovery and cleanup efforts got underway Monday in South Texas in the wake of a downgraded Hanna, worried residents confronted the prospect of undertaking the effort amid a surge in coronavirus cases that has left many fearful about their health.

Now a tropical depression, Hanna was 65 miles north of Presidio in the Mexican state of Zacatecas as its winds weakened to about 25 mph, the National Hurricane Center said. Its remnants still threatened to bring rainfall and flash flooding to waterlogged parts of South Texas and Northern Mexico.

For Nora Esquivel, 66, who has mostly stayed in her home in Weslaco, Texas, in Hidalgo County since March because of the pandemic, flooding damage from Hanna meant greater chance of exposure to the virus.

"No contact with nobody, only my daughter once in a while, and now with this, I have to allow people to come into my house, the insurance and all this and I'm scared," said a tearful Esquivel, who takes heart medication and had to be rescued from her home Sunday by her son on a kayak.

"All my friends are dying. ... I have fear for my family, for everybody, not just me and this is the whole world."

In the aftermath of Hanna, which dumped up to 16 inches of rain in some parts of South Texas and Northern Mexico, officials reported two people died in the northern Mexican city of Ramos Arispe, near Monterrey, after torrents of water unleashed by Hanna swept their vehicle away. Three people were reported missing in Monterrey and three more were missing in the border city of Reynosa, across from McAllen, Texas, according to Mexico's national civil defense office.



DENISE CATHEY, THE BROWNSVILLE (TEXAS) HERALD/AP

Amalia Barajas stands outside her home watching as the water slowly recedes Monday near Laureles, Texas.

Gov. Greg Abbott said the state was sending additional testing supplies and hospital personnel to South Texas communities impacted by Hanna to ensure the storm doesn't exacerbate the spread of the virus.

"The spread of COVID can be far more deadly than the damage caused by the storm," Abbott said on KRGV-TV.

The governor asked residents to adhere to social distancing

guidelines and to wear masks if they had to leave their homes and go to a shelter. Officials said shelters were set up to be as safe as possible, with temperature checks by on-site medical personnel. Some were being sheltered in hotel rooms.

Border communities hit by Hanna were already strained by COVID-19 cases, with some patients being airlifted to larger cities.

Ex-agent's book cites Trump concerns

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former FBI counterintelligence agent Peter Strzok, who played a key role in the Russia investigation but whose pejorative text messages about Donald Trump during the 2016 campaign made him a target of the president's wrath, is releasing a book on his concerns the president could be compromised.

"Compromised: Counterintelligence and the Threat of Donald J. Trump" is due out Sept. 8, publisher Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books & Media said in a statement to The Associated Press.

"Russia has long regarded the United States as its 'Main Enemy,' and I spent decades trying to protect our country from their efforts to weaken and undermine us," Strzok said Tuesday in a statement accompanying the book announcement.

"In this book," he added, "I use that background to explain how the elevation by President Trump and his collaborators of Trump's own personal interests over the interests of the country allowed Putin to succeed beyond Stalin's wildest dreams, and how the national security implications of Putin's triumph will persist through our next election and beyond."

As a senior counterintelligence agent with more than 20 years at the FBI, Strzok helped lead the investigation into whether Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton mishandled classified information on the private email server she used as secretary of state. The FBI ultimately recommended against criminal charges. He also played a pivotal role in the Russia investigation.

Strzok was fired from the FBI in August 2018, though he has since sued over the termination.

Judge orders Chinese scientist held on visa fraud charge

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A Chinese scientist charged with visa fraud after authorities said she concealed her military ties to China in order to work in the U.S. made her first appearance Monday in federal court by video.

Juan Tang, 37, was appointed a federal public defender and U.S. Magistrate Judge Deborah Barnes ordered Tang to remain in custody, saying she is a flight risk, while her attorney prepares

an argument for bail.

The Justice Department last week announced charges against Tang and three other scientists living in the U.S., saying they lied about their status as members of China's People's Liberation Army. All were charged with visa fraud.

Prosecutors said Tang lied about her military ties in a visa application last October as she prepared to work at the University of California, Davis and again during an FBI interview in June.

Agents found photos of Tang dressed in military uniform and reviewed articles in China identifying her military affiliation, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors said Tang sought refuge at the Chinese Consulate in San Francisco after speaking with agents in June. U.S. marshals arrested her Friday and booked her into Sacramento County Jail.

Heather Williams, a federal defender, said U.S. agents took Tang's passport, forcing her

young daughter to travel to China alone. It's too soon to know what the photos of Tang mean, and she might have made a mistake on the visa application, the lawyer said.

"We do know that our government seems to be increasingly hostile to China and we hope Dr. Tang isn't paying the price for that hostility," she said.

The University of California, Davis said Tang left her visiting researcher job in the Department of Radiation Oncology in June.

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WORLD

Statues stoke sensitivity between S. Korea, Japan

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A pair of new statues in South Korea of a man kneeling in front of a girl symbolizing a victim of sexual slavery by Japan's wartime military is the latest subject of diplomatic sensitivity between the countries, with Tokyo's government spokesmen questioning whether the male figure represents the Japanese prime minister.

Kim Chang-ryeol, owner of a botanic garden in the mountain town of Pyeongchang, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he canceled an unveiling ceremony for the bronze statues that was to take place Aug. 10 because of what he described as unwanted controversy.

Kim said the statues were his idea, but that he didn't specifically intend the male figure to be Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Since his inauguration in 2012, Abe has stoked anger among South Koreans over his nationalistic stance on Japan's wartime past and his demands that South Korea remove similar statues symbolizing sexual slavery victims in front of the Japanese Embassy in Seoul and other sites.

"The man represents anyone in a position of responsibility who could sincerely apologize to the victims of sexual slavery, now or in the future. It could even be the girl's father... That's why the statues were named 'Eternal Atonement,'" said Kim, who will keep the statues at



THE KOREA BOTANICAL GARDEN/AP

Statues of a man kneeling in front of a girl symbolizing victims of sexual slavery by Japan's World War II military are shown in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

his garden.

Disputes over sex slaves are a legacy of Japan's 1910-45 colonial occupation of the Korean Peninsula. Historians say tens of thousands of women from around Asia, many of them Korean, were sent to front-line military brothels to provide sex to Japanese soldiers during World War II.

Egyptian women sentenced for videos

Associated Press

CAIRO — An Egyptian court sentenced several young women to two years in prison Monday for posting "indecent" dance videos on TikTok in a fraught case that critics describe as a further crackdown on self-expression in the conservative society.

The women were also fined nearly \$19,000 each for "violating the values and principles of the Egyptian family," inciting debauchery and promoting human trafficking, according to a statement from the public prosecutor.

Their lawyers vowed to appeal the ruling.

The prosecution statement named just two of the defendants — Haneen Hossam, 20, and Mawada Eladham, 22 — and said the other three helped run their social media accounts.

Both women amassed millions of followers for their video snippets set to catchy Egyptian club-pop tracks.

Zimbabwe's ruling party calls US ambassador a 'thug'

Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Zimbabwe's ruling party has threatened the United States ambassador with expulsion, calling him a "thug" and accusing him of funding organizers of anti-government protests planned for Friday.

Zimbabwe's government in recent weeks has increasingly accused the U.S. Embassy of supporting anti-government activists who are piling pressure on President Emmerson Mnangagwa as the economy collapses amid new allegations of corruption and human rights abuses.

The embassy denies the accusations of meddling in local politics in the southern African country.

Ruling ZANU-PF party spokesman Patrick Chinamasa on Monday said U.S. Ambassador Brian Nichols and a "coterie of gangsters" should stop "mobilizing and funding disturbances, coor-

inating violence and training insurgency. Our leadership will not hesitate to give him marching orders."

He added: "Diplomats should not behave like thugs, and Brian Nichols is a thug."

The embassy did not immediately comment on that.

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OPINION

Reopen schools the SMART way

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Special To The Washington Post

We have limited time and funds to get students and teachers back to school safely, but we can — and must — do it. Here's how.

Start with the fact, as 239 scientists recently wrote to the World Health Organization (WHO), that airborne transmission of the novel coronavirus is happening. This is not to be feared; it just requires adding some new strategies to our arsenal in addition to hand-washing, distancing and other measures to keep community spread to a minimum. (Just because we reopen schools doesn't mean we should reopen elsewhere.)

The public health science is quite simple: The amount of virus that kids and adults are exposed to is a function of how many viral particles are emitted into the air and how many are removed. Both sides of that equation can be controlled. To do it, we need to be school SMART:

S: Stay home when sick
The best way to eliminate emissions is to not have sick people in the school. People are most infectious two days before they start showing symptoms, and infectiousness ends five to seven days after. We won't be able to keep people from going to school when they aren't showing symptoms, but we certainly can when they are.

T: This can be encouraged in several ways: Provide paid sick leave for teachers and administrators; call up recent retirees and waive rules for new graduates to fill in vacancies; and set up parallel remote learning tracks for those kids who must stay home. Schools should also screen for the disease daily through self-certification checks and visual observation. (Rapid saliva tests — as soon as they are approved and deployed

— will be the ultimate screening tool.)
M: Mask up

To control asymptomatic emissions and capture particles at the source, schools must require mask wearing. Many people may assume that the typical three-ply surgical masks recommended by the WHO are not effective for preventing airborne viruses. In reality, multilayer masks, when worn by everyone correctly, can be very effective. Consider that if two people wear masks, particles must pass through their material twice. Even if a mask filters out 60 percent of the particles, two of them together filter out 84 percent. Not quite as good as an N95, but not far off, either.

A: Air cleaner in every classroom
Portable air cleaners, also known as air purifiers, may be the fastest way to clean the air quickly indoors. A portable air purifier with a HEPA filter that is correctly sized for the room can deliver three air changes per hour of clean air, meaning all of the air in the room is cleaned every 20 minutes.

Some back-of-the-envelope estimates: U.S. schools have an average of 528 total students and 20 kids per classroom. With 131,000 schools in the country, that puts the need at about 3.4 million purifiers. In 2019, manufacturers produced a total of 2.9 million portable purifiers. Can they ramp up production to meet demand? Depends on the incentives and our country's willingness to mobilize for schools. At roughly \$300 for the base machine and replacement filter, this investment would be around \$1 billion. Seems like a good price to pay to keep our kids and teachers safer and to get parents back to work.

R: Refresh indoor air

Every effort should be made to determine how much more outdoor air can be brought into schools, but there are limitations. In summer and winter months, the amount of air that can be brought in from outside

will be limited by the cooling and heating capacity of existing HVAC systems. While bringing in twice as much as the minimum ventilation standard would be an excellent strategy, there may not be enough time or money to fix all of these school ventilation problems in the next 30 days before kids come back to school. That doesn't mean we shouldn't try.

Schools should also upgrade recirculated air filters to MERV13 or higher. If schools rely on natural ventilation, get those windows open and use simple box fans to pull in outdoor air.

T: Temporary classrooms

It's time to get creative and re-imagine classrooms. We don't need to think about ventilation rates if we hold classrooms outdoors. Yes, there will be inclement weather — like rain and teachers will have to wear hats and gloves when it gets cold, and papers will occasionally get blown around. But this is still far superior to learning via Zoom. A massive mobilization of tents for schools, maybe by the National Guard, could get us there. Think this is impossible? We've done it before, and there's no tobacco tax evidence.

Let's re-imagine schools, too. New York turned the Javits Convention Center into a hospital and put hospital field tents in Central Park. Is there anything stopping us from turning convention centers in every city into schools? Or turning city and town parks into tented classrooms?

We teach our kids to have a growth mind-set — to embrace challenges and persist in the face of obstacles. With reopening schools, I'm mostly hearing about roadblocks and "that can't happen" thinking. Let's get creative and live by what we teach.

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Court's decision should infuriate Conservatives

By HENRY OLSEN

The Washington Post

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts Jr. has struck again. His decision on Friday to side with the court's four liberal justices in denying a petition in an important religious liberty case has further inflamed social conservatives already angry with his votes this term on abortion and LGBTQ rights. The decision is not only politically contentious, however; it is dangerously wrong.

The case involved an order by Democratic Gov. Steve Sisolak of Nevada that barred houses of worship from holding services for more than 50 people at a time no matter their potential capacity. The same order permitted businesses to open their doors to a percentage of their capacity, with casinos and other large commercial entities able to accommodate up to 50% of their capacity. A Nevada who worships Lady Luck there is treated more favorably than one who worships God.

This is about as clear a violation of the First Amendment's clause protecting the free exercise of religion as you can get. Gathering to worship is perhaps the essential part of exercising one's religious beliefs. The clause was authored by James Madison, who had promoted the 1786 Virginia Statute for Establishing Religious Freedom, which eliminated bans on minority religions from preaching or gathering to worship. The First Amendment's guarantee was extended to the states under the 14th Amendment in 1947.

Nevada tried to justify its order with an amazing argument that distinguishes commercial activities from mass gatherings. The trouble with this contention is that many commercial activities are mass gatherings, with concentrations of people indoors in exactly the same fashion as religious services. People at casinos, restaurants or other businesses can be spaced apart to minimize the risks, but so too can congregants at worship. Importantly, they all still share the same air conditioning system that experts increasingly say is an important factor in spreading the novel coronavirus. If Nevada's goal is to protect public health, its order's distinction between some indoor gatherings and others, including religious services, is patently arbitrary.

Justice Samuel Alito Jr. wrote a dissent in this case that demolishes Nevada's argument. Joined by Justices Brett Kavanaugh and Clarence Thomas, he shows how the state's attempts to distinguish houses of worship from casinos were either laughable or inconsistent with the facts. The plaintiff in the case, Calvary Chapel, had adopted many measures to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, including social distancing, forbidding passing items such as collection baskets from person to person and sanitizing the church between services. Alito notes that a house of worship, like any other entity holding an indoor gathering, can be required to impose other requirements to safeguard public health, such as mandatory mask-wearing. Yet rather than do this, Nevada chose its blunt instrument, which denies the religiously inclined their

opportunity to freely express their religion. This is precisely what the free-exercise clause prohibits.

In its reply, Nevada revealed more than it intended about its derogatory opinion of religion. It frequently compares houses of worship to other places of mass gatherings, such as museums and zoos. It's notable that these comparisons are minorities, too, and the free-exercise clause is supposed to protect them from tyranny by the mob even when that mob is acting through elected representatives.

Roberts and the majority got this one very wrong. One can hope that this is simply a case of pandemic-induced frenzy and that the fever will abate when the pandemic subsides.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

2 shot after man fired into street race crowd

PA PHILADELPHIA — Authorities said two people were struck by gunfire after a man fired into a crowd gathered to watch a street race in southwest Philadelphia, one of several large gatherings in the city despite COVID-19 restrictions.

WPVI-TV reported that hundreds of people were gathered outside a gas station at a popular spot for street racing when investigators said an argument broke out between two groups at about 2:30 a.m. Sunday. Police said a man driving a three-wheeled vehicle pulled out a gun and fired at least 16 shots into the crowd.

Police said a 31-year-old woman and a 48-year-old man were struck. The man was taken to Delaware County Memorial Hospital in critical condition while the woman was in stable condition at Penn Presbyterian Hospital.

Detectives were seeking surveillance video from the gas station and a nearby car dealership.

Famed treasure box was found in Wyoming

NM SANTA FE — Famed art and antiquities collector Forrest Fenn said the man who found his hidden treasure last month located it in Wyoming.

The 89-year-old Fenn filled a bronze chest with gold, jewels and other valuables worth an estimated \$2 million and hid it a decade ago somewhere in the Rocky Mountain wilderness.

A man who did not want his name released found the chest, and Fenn said he promised the finder that he wouldn't reveal who found it or where.

But Fenn now says "the finder understood how important some closure is for many searchers," so he agreed to reveal the treasure was found in Wyoming, according to the Santa Fe New Mexican.

Liquor sales see 12% jump during fiscal year

NC RALEIGH — Liquor sales in North Carolina jumped 12% during the fiscal year that ended June 30, according to data from the state's Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

The increase largely came in March after Gov. Roy Cooper shut down bars and restaurants due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, The Fayetteville Observer reported.

Charles Hill owns multiple liquor stores in the state. He told the newspaper that customers said they purchased larger amounts of alcohol because of fears Cooper would also shut down liquor stores.

The liquor stores never closed down, but with the continued restrictions on bars, customers continue to make their drinks at home, Hill, who is also the manager of the New Hanover County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, told the newspaper.



ABIGAIL DOLLINS, THE (SIOUX FALLS, S.D.) ARGUS LEADER/AP

A long day of ballooning

Pilot Ron Oppold begins packing up his hot air balloon after landing southeast of Sioux Falls, S.D. Oppold is one of several members of the Sioux Falls Ballooning Association.

3 officers injured in shooting, chase

MO ST. LOUIS — One police officer was shot and wounded, while two others were injured Sunday when a Missouri man fired at them and later rammed into one of their vehicles, authorities said.

Peter Webb, 23, was arrested Sunday and charged with three counts of first-degree assault, armed criminal action, one count of unlawful use of a weapon and one count of resisting, news outlets reported.

St. Louis Metropolitan police said the three officers were at a gas station around 1 a.m. dispersing loiterers when Webb drove past them and fired at their cruisers.

Police said the officers pursued Webb while he continued to shoot at them. St. Louis Police Chief John Hayden said the chase ended when Webb pulled a U-turn and rammed into one of the police vehicles before crashing into a traffic light.

Webb ran off but was captured by two officers. One of the officers was shot in the elbow and the other injured his knee during the arrest.

Statue of Harvard's namesake vandalized

MA CAMBRIDGE — A statue of Harvard University's namesake has been vandalized on campus.

The John Harvard statue in Harvard Yard was spray-painted with the words "devil worship,"

THE CENSUS

2 The number of men in southwestern Michigan who police said were electrocuted when the mast of the sailboat they were moving hit a power line. The brothers, ages 31 and 19, were moving a boat Saturday in LaGrange Township when the mast struck the power line running to a house, according to authorities. They were taken by ambulance and helicopter to an Indiana hospital, where they are in stable condition.

WCVB-TV reported.

Campus police said the vandalism was reported Saturday morning.

Unveiled in 1884, the statue honors the university's first benefactor. The graffiti at the base of the statue was covered up by university staff later Saturday, the television station reported.

Officials consider renaming historic park

KY LEXINGTON — Officials are considering a proposal to rename Cheapside Park, which has served as a public square in downtown Lexington since 1780, to Henry A. Tandy Centennial Park.

A parks advisory board unanimously approved the proposal Friday and it will go before the Urban County Council for consideration in August, Lexington Mayor Linda Gorton said. The proposal comes as the city continues to look at improving public spaces, she said.

Tandy was a freed slave who co-owned Tandy & Byrd, a masonry contractor in Lexington that constructed many buildings in the area, including the Historic 1899 Courthouse, the city said in a statement.

The area was named Cheapside by early Lexington residents who came from England, the statement said.

Popular music venue closing until next year

AL HUNTSVILLE — A popular Alabama music venue is closing at least through next year amid the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Huntsville's Tangled String Studios made the announcement on its Facebook page. The post said Tangled String wants to expand its custom guitar business to increase output. That will reduce the venue space. The post said Tangled String hopes to reopen for musical acts in 2022 after the COVID-19 crisis has passed.

AL.com reported that Tangled String has played hosts to well-known acts including Drive-By Truckers and The Black Crowes, as well as top local musicians.

Inmates captured after escaping juvenile prison

VA RICHMOND — Two inmates who escaped from a Virginia juvenile prison two weeks ago have been cap-

tured in Michigan, federal authorities said.

A fugitive task force in Grand Rapids, Mich., led by U.S. marshals arrested Rashad E. Williams and Jabar Ali Taylor late Saturday afternoon at a Battle Creek hotel without incident, according to a news release from the U.S. Marshals Service.

The Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice said Taylor, 20, and Williams, 18, escaped from Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Center on July 13 through a hole that was cut in the perimeter fence.

Taylor, from Spotsylvania County, had been convicted of two counts of second-degree murder and aggravated malicious assault. Williams, from Washington D.C., was convicted of malicious wounding and robbery.

Prosthetic leg lost in water, later recovered

IN INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis firefighter crews have helped a woman who was boating recover her prosthetic leg that fell into the water.

Fire officials said crews were finishing a training exercise on Geist Reservoir when a woman lost the leg while spending the day on her family's anchored pontoon boat.

The crews spent about an hour looking for the prosthetic leg valued at \$20,000 in "zero visibility," finding numerous other items including sunglasses and an anchor. The prosthetic leg was found 20 feet under water about 100 yards off the shore.

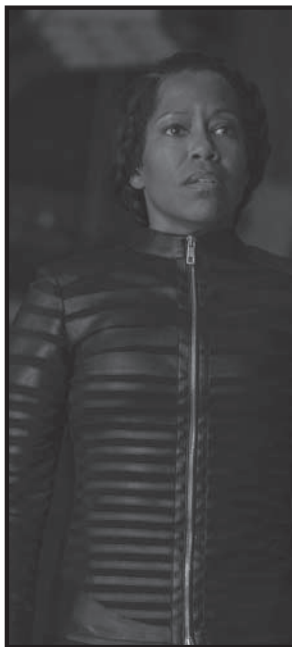
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2020 EMMY NOMINATIONS

‘Watchmen’ rules

HBO’s dystopian series earns 26 nods; ‘Marvelous Mrs. Maisel’ follows with 20



AP photos

Left: Regina King was nominated for an Emmy for outstanding lead actress in a limited series or movie for “Watchmen” on Tuesday.

Above: Rachel Brosnahan, left, received her third Emmy nomination in the lead actress in a comedy series category for “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel.”

By LYNN ELBER
Associated Press

“Watchmen,” cloaked in superhero mythology and grounded in real-world racism, received a leading 26 nominations Tuesday for the Primetime Emmy Awards.

The series, which captured America’s deep unease as it faces racial and political clashes amid a pandemic, was nominated as best limited series and received bids for cast members including Regina King and Jeremy Irons.

King was part of a vanguard of actors of color who showed that TV academy voters took heed of the social climate.

“Zendaya!” exclaimed Emmy announcement host Leslie Jones, her gleeful reaction to the “Euphoria” star’s nomination as best actress in a drama. “This is a great day,” Jones added.

She was part of a socially distanced, virtual release of nominees that was online, not on television as is usual. But nothing is usual during a coronavirus era that has brought Hollywood production to a virtual standstill and is making awards like the Emmys grass and alternatives.

The strong showing by Netflix’s “Ozark” helped the streamer to a record-setting 160 nominations that bested onetime perennial leader HBO, which earned 107 nods.

Streaming newcomer Apple TV+ earned attention in its first season with Jennifer Aniston’s best drama actress bid for “The Morning Show.” Another streaming newbie, Disney+, saw its Star Wars franchise spinoff, “The Mandalorian,” claim a best drama nomination among its hefty 15 total nods.

The Amazon comedy “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel” is the second most-nominated series with 20, followed by Netflix’s “Ozark” with 18.

“This year, we are also bearing witness to one of the greatest fights for social justice in history. And it is our duty to use this medium for change,” Frank Scherma, chairman

Partial list of nominees for 2020 Primetime Emmy Awards

Drama Series: “Better Call Saul”; “The Crown”; “The Handmaid’s Tale”; “Killing Eve”; “The Mandalorian”; “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel”; “Stranger Things”; “Succession”

Actress, Drama Series: Jennifer Aniston, “The Morning Show”; Olivia Colman, “The Crown”; Jodie Comer, “Killing Eve”; Laura Linney, “Ozark”; Sandra Oh, “Killing Eve”; Zendaya, “Euphoria”

Actor, Drama Series: Jason Bateman, “Ozark”; Sterling K. Brown, “This Is Us”; Steve Carell, “The Morning Show”; Brian Cox, “Succession”; Billy Porter, “Pose”; Jeremy Strong, “Succession”

Comedy Series: “Curb Your Enthusiasm”; “Dead to Me”; “The Good Place”; “Insecure”; “The Kominsky Method”; “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel”; “Schitt’s Creek”; “What We Do in the Shadows”

Actress, Comedy Series: Christina Applegate, “Dead to Me”; Rachel Brosnahan, “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel”; Linda Cardellini, “Dead to Me”; Catherine O’Hara, “Schitt’s Creek”; Issa Rae, “Insecure”; Tracee Ellis Ross, “Black-ish”

Actor, Comedy Series: Anthony Anderson, “Black-ish”; Don Cheadle, “Black Monday”; Ted Danson, “The Good Place”; Michael Douglas, “The Kominsky Method”; Eugene Levy, “Schitt’s Creek”; Rami Youssef, “Ramy”

Outstanding Supporting Actress, Drama Series: Laura Dern, “Big Little Lies”; Meryl Streep, “Big Little Lies”; Fiona Shaw, “Killing Eve”; Julia Garner, “Ozark”; Sarah Snook, “Succession”; Helena Bonham Carter, “The Crown”; Samira Wiley, “The Handmaid’s Tale”; Thandie Newton, “Westworld”

Outstanding Supporting Actor, Drama Series: Giancarlo Esposito, “Better Call Saul”; Nicholas Braun, “Succession”; Kieran Culkin, “Succession”; Matthew Macfadyen, “Succession”; Bradley Whitford, “The Handmaid’s Tale”; Billy Crudup,

“The Morning Show”; Mark Duplass, “The Morning Show”; Jeffrey Wright, “Westworld”

Outstanding Supporting Actress, Comedy Series: Betty Gilpin, “GLOW”; Yvonne Orji, “Insecure”; Kate McKinnon, “Saturday Night Live”; Cecily Strong, “Saturday Night Live”; Annie Murphy, “Schitt’s Creek”; D’Arcy Carden, “The Good Place”; Alex Borstein, “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel”; Marin Hinkle, “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel”

Outstanding Supporting Actor, Comedy Series: Adam Carolla, “Brooklyn Nine-Nine”; Mahershala Ali, “Ramy”; Kenan Thompson, “Saturday Night Live”; Daniel Ruffalo, “Schitt’s Creek”; William Jackson Harper, “The Good Place”; Alan Arkin, “The Kominsky Method”; Sterling K. Brown, “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel”; Tony Shalhoub, “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel”

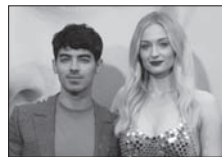
Limited Series: “Little Fires Everywhere”; “Mrs. America”; “Unbelievable”; “Unorthodox”; “Watchmen”

Actress, Limited Series or Movie: Cate Blanchett, “Mrs. America”; Shira Haas, “Unorthodox”; Regina King, “Watchmen”; Octavia Spencer, “Self Made”; Kerry Washington, “Little Fires Everywhere”

Actor, Limited Series or Movie: Jeremy Irons, “Watchmen”; Hugh Jackman, “Bad Education”; Paul Mescal, “Normal People”; Jeremy Pope, “Holywood”; Mark Ruffalo, “I Know This Much Is True”

Supporting Actress, Limited Series or Movie: Holland Taylor, “Holywood”; Uzo Aduba, “Mrs. America”; Margot Martindale, “Mrs. America”; Tracey Ullman, “Mrs. America”; Toni Collette, “Unbelievable”; Jean Smart, “Watchmen”

Supporting Actor, Limited Series or Movie: Dylan McDermott, “Holywood”; Jim Parsons, “Holywood”; Tituss Burgess, “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt”; Kimmy Phang, “The Reverend”; Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, “Watchmen”; Jovan Adego, “Watchmen”; Louis Gossett Jr., “Watchmen”



Invision/AP

Sophie Turner, Joe Jonas welcome their first child

Sophie Turner and Joe Jonas have had their first child.

The 24-year-old “Game of Thrones” star Turner and the 30-year-old singer Jonas announced the birth Monday.

“Sophie Turner and Joe Jonas are delighted to announce the birth of their baby,” they said in a statement released through his label, Republic Records.

The couple was quiet about the pregnancy and gave no further details on the baby.

They live in Los Angeles, and the baby is the first for both.

‘Tenet’ gets international release date ahead of US

In the latest plan for Hollywood’s hopeful return to moviegoing during the pandemic, Warner Bros. will release Christopher Nolan’s “Tenet” in an unprecedented fashion, opening it internationally first on Aug. 26, with a U.S. release in select cities to follow over Labor Day weekend.

Warner Bros. on Monday said “Tenet” will arrive in more than 70 countries on Aug. 26, including Japan, Russia, much of Europe, Australia and Canada. The \$200 million thriller will open in the U.S. about a week later on Sept. 3.

The staggered release will be tailored to outbreaks of COVID-19. Instead of the usual global launch of a summer blockbuster, “Tenet” will make its way through theaters as they are open. The film, originally set for release July 17, has already had its premiere postponed several times. Each time, spikes in cases through the U.S. have forced the studio to remake its plans.

Oprah’s O Mag to end regular print editions

O, The Oprah Magazine is ending its regular monthly print editions with the December 2020 issue after 20 years of publication.

The brand, which is among the most recognizable magazines in the U.S., is not going away but will become more “digitally-centric,” a Hearst spokeswoman Monday said. There will be “some form of print” after the December issue “but what it is exactly is still being worked out,” she said.

Oprah Winfrey launched O with Hearst in 2000 and today is the editor-in-chief. “I’m proud of this team and what we have delivered to our readers over the past 20 years,” Winfrey said in a statement provided by Hearst. “I look forward to the next step in our evolution.”

Winfrey has a new show debuting Thursday on Apple’s service called “The Oprah Conversation.” She also has two other series on Apple TV Plus, “Oprah Talks COVID-19” and “Oprah’s Book Club.”

From The Associated Press

and CEO of the Television Academy said at the outset of the presentation.

Joining Jones on Tuesday were presenters Laverne Cox (“Orange Is the New Black”), Josh Gad (“Frozen”) and Tatiana Maslany (“Orphan Black”). Cox, Gad and Maslany appeared on by video feeds.

Among the honorees whose nomination collided with current events: Brad Pitt earned a nod for a guest appearance playing Dr. Anthony Fauci on “Saturday Night Live.”

The Emmy Awards, hosted by Jimmy Kimmel, will be presented Sept. 20 on ABC.



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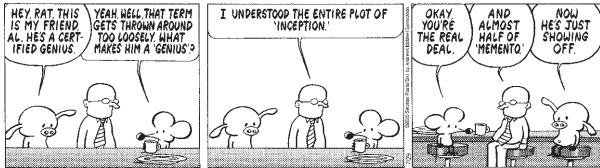
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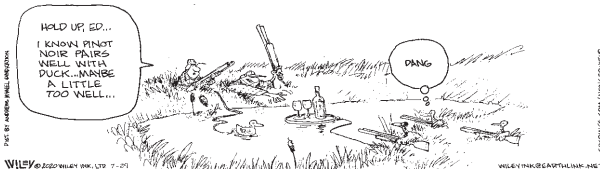
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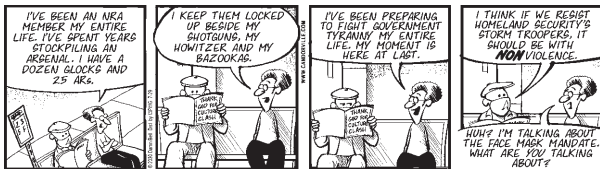
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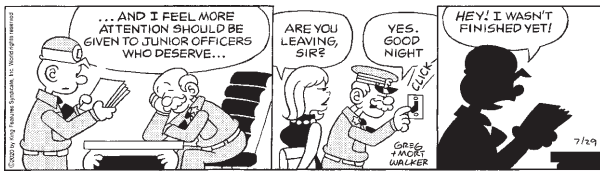
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Carpe Diem



Beetle Bailey



Bizarro



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Red planet
- 5 Body art, for short
- 8 Urban haze
- 12 Actor Guinness
- 13 Blackbird
- 14 Quasimodo's creator
- 15 Detroit's location
- 17 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 18 Venomous viper
- 19 Ascended, as a mountain
- 21 Viral video, e.g.
- 24 "— Had a Hammer"
- 25 Nota —
- 28 Sicilian spouter
- 30 Festive
- 33 "Hall!"
- 34 Google competitor
- 35 Mimic
- 36 NJ neighbor
- 37 — impasse
- 38 Winter blanket
- 39 Texer's chuckle
- 41 The Big Easy acronym
- 43 Derby and Dorset
- 46 Condition
- 50 Forum wear
- 51 Type of sweater
- 54 October birthstone

DOWN

- 55 Soul, to Sartre
- 56 Indian flatbread
- 57 Victories
- 58 Blend
- 59 "Zounds!"
- 23 Allen or Frome
- 25 Misbehaving
- 26 First lady?
- 27 Kate of "The Prince of Tides"
- 29 Forbidden act
- 31 GI's address
- 32 Evergreen tree
- 34 Harvard rival
- 38 Lampoon
- 40 Pre-diploma
- 42 "Acid" hurdles
- 43 Pack cargo
- 44 Arizona tribe
- 45 Con job
- 47 Awestruck
- 48 "Toodle-oo!"
- 49 Wife of Geraint
- 52 French pal
- 53 Actor Harrison

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF FOOTBALLER FLUTIE PERFORMS A CERTAIN BASIC YOGA POSE, IT MAY BE A DOWNWARD-FACING DOUG.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals B

SCOREBOARD/RESULTS

Sports on AFN

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Pro soccer

MLS is Back tournament

Knockout stage
Sunday, July 25
Orlando City 1, Montreal 0
Philadelphia 1, New England 0
Sunday, July 26
New York City FC 3, Toronto 1
Sporting Kansas City 0, Vancouver 0
Sporting Kansas City advances on penalties 5-4

Monday, July 27
San Jose 5, Real Salt Lake 2
Los Angeles FC 4, Seattle 1
Tuesday, July 28
Portland vs. Minnesota United
Columbus vs. Cincinnati
Quarterfinals
Thursday, July 30
Philadelphia vs. Sporting Kansas City
Saturday, Aug. 1
Orlando City vs. Los Angeles FC
Sunday, Aug. 2
San Jose vs. Team TBD
New York City FC vs. Team TBD

Semifinals
Wednesday, Aug. 5
Quarterfinal winners
Thursday, Aug. 6
Quarterfinal winners
Final
Sunday, Aug. 11
Semifinal winners

Pro basketball

WNBA

At Bradenton, Fla.

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
	P	L	GB
Atlanta	1	0	—
Charlotte	1	1	—
Washington	0	1	—
Orlando	0	1	—
New York	0	1	—
Indiana	0	1	—

WESTERN CONFERENCE			
	P	L	GB
Minnesota	1	0	—
Seattle	1	0	—
Phoenix	1	1	—
Las Vegas	0	1	—
Phoenix	0	1	—

Sunday's games
Minnesota 77, Connecticut 69
Chicago 85, Las Vegas 86
Atlanta 84, Dallas 85
Monday's games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's games
Washington at Connecticut
Los Angeles at Chicago
Minnesota at Seattle
Wednesday's games
Phoenix at Indiana
New York at Dallas
Atlanta at Las Vegas
Thursday's games
Seattle at Washington
Chicago at Minnesota
Connecticut at Los Angeles

Golf

World rankings

Through July 26			
	ESP	RPI	USA
1. Jon Rahm	851	851	851
2. Rory McIlroy	851	851	851
3. Justin Thomas	851	851	851
4. Webb Simpson	851	851	851
5. Dustin Johnson	851	851	851
6. Brooks Koepka	851	851	851
7. Patrick Reed	851	851	851
8. Adam Scott	851	851	851
9. Justin Thomas	851	851	851
10. Xander Schauffele	851	851	851
11. Viktor Hovland	851	851	851
12. Tommy Fleetwood	851	851	851
14. Tyrrell Hatton	851	851	851
15. Francesco Molinari	851	851	851
16. Tony Finau	851	851	851
17. Matt Fitzpatrick	851	851	851
18. Matthew Fitzpatrick	851	851	851
19. Matt Kuchar	851	851	851
20. Abraham Ancer	851	851	851
21. Sungjae Im	851	851	851
22. Hideki Matsuyama	851	851	851
23. Brooks Koepka	851	851	851
24. Viktor Hovland	851	851	851
25. Paul Casey	851	851	851
26. Daniel Berger	851	851	851
27. Lee Westwood	851	851	851
28. Kevin Na	851	851	851
29. Rickie Fowler	851	851	851
30. Francesco Molinari	851	851	851
31. Henrik Stenson	851	851	851
32. Danny Willett	851	851	851
33. Lee Westwood	851	851	851
34. Kevin Kisner	851	851	851
35. Billy Horschel	851	851	851

Deals

Monday's transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
BOSTON RED SOX — Claimed RHP Robert Stock off waivers from Philadelphia. Options Stock to alternate training site.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed RHP Reynaldo Lopez on the 10-day IL. Recalled RHP Ian Hamilton. Selected the contract of INF Ryan Goins from alternate training site. Designated INF Cheslor Cuthbert for assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS — Placed RHP Darin Agram on the 10-day IL. Recalled RHP Anthony Castro from Erie (EL).
HONOLULU ASTROS — Placed RHP Justin Verlander on the 10-day IL retroactive to July 25. Options IF Taylor Jones to alternate training site. Recalled RHP Nivelo Rodriguez from the alternate training site. Selected the contract of Brandon Bielak from the alternate training site.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Activated 1B Ryan O'Hearn from the 10-day IL. Options LHP Richard Lovelady to alternate training site.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Released RHP Daniel Gasset. Added RHP Ben Bracewell to their player pool and optioned him to alternate training site.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled LHP Taylor Guleba from the alternate training site. Placed RHP Brandon Brennan on the 10-day IL retroactive to July 26.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Activated RHP Diego Castillo from the paterntly list. Options 3B Daniel Robertson to alternate training site.
TEXAS RANGERS — Placed RHP Corey Kluber on the IL for a minimum of 10 weeks.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed RHP Ken Giles on the 10-day IL. Placed INF Travis Shaw on family medical leave. Activated RHP Wilmer Flores from the IL. Recalled LHP Ryan Boruck from the taxi squad. Added OF Jay McKinney to the taxi squad.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Designated for assignment RHP Mike Foltynewicz.
MIA MARLINS — Placed OF Garrett Cooper, RHP Jose Urena and OF Harold Ramirez on the 10-day IL. Claimed RHP of Justin Shafer and LHP Josh D. Smith off waivers from Philadelphia.
NEW YORK METS — Recalled RHP Tyler Bashlor from alternate training site. Options OF Oswaldo to alternate training site.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Activated OF Gregory Polanco from the IL. Options OF Jason Martin to alternate training site.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Signed INF Josh Harrison to a one-year contract. Options C Raudy Reed to alternate training site.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Placed New York Giants CB Deandre Baker, Seattle CB Quinton Dunbar and Washington WR Cody Latimer on the Commissioner's Exempt List.
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Announced the addition of Jordan Hogan to the coaching staff.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Announced WR De'Anthony Thomas has voluntarily left the team for the 2020 season and has been placed on the reserve list.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed WR Ray-Ray McCloud.
PANAMA PANTHERS — Signed LB Adarius Taylor. Waived DT Austrian Robinson.
CHICAGO BEARS — Placed RB Artavis Pierce on the reserve list. Waived S Kenzie Keenum. Released LB Deion Branch.
CHICAGO PACKERS — Waived DEs Kahlil Mack and Smith. Signed DEs Kahlil Mack and C Nico Falah. S Khalil Muhammad. QB Riley Neal and WR Melvin Brown. Released LB Deion Branch.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Waived LS Anthony Rendon. S Shatrick Meeks. QB Savage-Lewis. QB Nick Tiano and C Elex Woodworth.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Placed S Julian Blackmon on the active/non-injured reserve list.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed G Kelcie Whitsett to a one-year contract.
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS — Claimed G Jerry Brice from the active/non-injured reserve list.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Waived DE Jerald Moss and LB Trent Harris.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Placed TE Blake Brandel, OL Tyler Higgin, WR Justin Jefferson and S Brian Cole to the injured reserve list.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed C Teague Falarca. Signed LB Adam Trautman and QB Tommy Stevens.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed OT Andrew Thomas. Signed LB Myles Bryant. Signed LB Pearl. CB's Darnay Holmes and Chris Smith. Signed OL Shaleem Phillips. LB Ira Brown. Carter Coughlin and TJ Brunson rookie contracts. Released K Aldrick Robinson.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Placed CB Artavis Pierce on the reserve list.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed TE Kyle Pittman to a one-year contract.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Waived LB Surtain.
WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM — Placed LB Reuben Foster and QB Alex Smith on the active/non-injured reserve list to perform list.
WASH. FOOTBALL TEAM — Placed WR Kelvin Harmon on the active/non-injured reserve list.
SOFTBALL
Major League Soccer
ATLANTA UNITED — Named Stephen Gillett interim head coach.
D.C. UNITED — Signed MF Paul Arriola to a multi-year contract extension.

Bubble hockey: Playoff teams adjust to format

By STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

When the Boston Bruins boarded their flight bound for Toronto, they thought of it just another long road trip.

Sure, they were spaced out and masked up on the plane, but they were en route to compete for the Stanley Cup that they fell one win short of earning last season. Patrice Bergeron said he was "excited and looking forward to what's coming next."

It unfolded a little differently for Edmonton goaltender Mike Smith when he checked into a downtown hotel Sunday minutes from his house for a stay he hopes will last more than two months.

"Reality definitely set in," Smith said.

NHL players from the 24 playoff teams woke up to their new reality Monday in the hub cities of Toronto and Edmonton, Alberta. Quarantined bubble life began with the league reporting zero positive coronavirus test results last week, and this existence away from the public is scheduled to last until the Stanley Cup is awarded the fall.

"We asked our group right from the start just to keep open minds because everything's going to change, everything's fluctuating constantly, daily, minutely," Minnesota coach Dean Evason said.

"It's different. You've got a walkway with fences. People can't see you. You can't see them. You embrace it and are willing just to go with things, it's pretty cool."

While Major League Baseball postponed at least two games and grappled with the Miami Marlins' COVID-19 outbreak, the NHL reported none of the 800-plus players tested in the final week of training camps came back positive for the virus.

That information and the huge amount of confirmed cases in the Canadian provinces where games will take place added a layer of confidence to the first day of practices.

Like the NBA and Major League Soccer in Florida, the NHL set up a quarantined environment for players, coaches and staff that allowed those in the bubble to contrast that method of finishing the season to the less stringent way MLB and the NFL are trying to get through theirs.

"We are in a bubble. Major League Baseball is not," Boston coach Bruce Cassidy said. "Obviously once you get to the bubble, it appears to be a very safe environment."

Feeling safe allowed teams to get down to business in preparing for exhibition games this week and the start of the playoffs this weekend. They started getting the



CHRIS YOUNG, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Security guards stand by at a section of the street outside Toronto's Royal York hotel, which is closed off as NHL teams arrive at the "bubble" ahead of the return of the league's season.

NHL scoreboard

Stanley Cup qualifiers

(Best-of-five) will necessary
EASTERN CONFERENCE
At Toronto
Saturday, Aug. 1: Game 1 (AFN-Sports2, 6 p.m. Saturday CET; 1 a.m. Sunday JKT)
Sunday, Aug. 3: Game 2
Tuesday, Aug. 4: Game 3
Thursday, Aug. 6: Game 4
Saturday, Aug. 8: Game 5
Florida vs. N.Y. Islanders
Saturday, Aug. 1: Game 1 (AFN-Sports2, 10 p.m. Saturday CET; 5 a.m. Sunday JKT)
Tuesday, Aug. 4: Game 2
Wednesday, Aug. 5: Game 3
Friday, Aug. 7: Game 4
Saturday, Aug. 8: Game 5
Montreal vs. Pittsburgh
Saturday, Aug. 1: Game 1 (AFN-Sports2, 2 a.m. Sunday CET; 9 a.m. Sunday JKT)
Monday, Aug. 3: Game 2
Wednesday, Aug. 5: Game 3
Friday, Aug. 7: Game 4
Saturday, Aug. 8: Game 5
Columbus vs. Toronto
Sunday, Aug. 2: Game 1 (AFN-Sports2, 3 a.m. Monday CET; 10 a.m. Monday JKT)
Monday, Aug. 3: Game 2
Thursday, Aug. 6: Game 4
Friday, Aug. 7: Game 5
Saturday, Aug. 8: Game 6
Western Conference
At Edmonton, Alberta
Saturday, Aug. 1: Game 1
Monday, Aug. 3: Game 2
Wednesday, Aug. 5: Game 3
Friday, Aug. 7: Game 4
Saturday, Aug. 8: Game 5
Winnipeg vs. Calgary
Saturday, Aug. 1: Game 1 (Joined in progress, AFN-Sports2, 5 a.m. Sunday JKT)

CET: noon Sunday JKT)
Monday, Aug. 3: Game 2
Tuesday, Aug. 4: Game 3
x-Thursday, Aug. 6: Game 4
x-Saturday, Aug. 8: Game 5
Sunday, Aug. 9: Game 6
Tuesday, Aug. 4: Game 2
Wednesday, Aug. 5: Game 3
x-Friday, Aug. 7: Game 4
x-Sunday, Aug. 9: Game 5
Minnesota vs. Vancouver
Sunday, Aug. 2: Game 1 (AFN-Sports2, 4 a.m. Monday CET; 11:30 a.m. Monday JKT)
Tuesday, Aug. 4: Game 2
Thursday, Aug. 6: Game 3
x-Friday, Aug. 7: Game 4
x-Sunday, Aug. 9: Game 5

Round robin

(Determines playoff seedings)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Sunday, Aug. 2: Boston vs. Philadelphia
Monday, Aug. 3: Tampa Bay vs. Washington
Wednesday, Aug. 5: Boston vs. Tampa Bay
Thursday, Aug. 6: Philadelphia vs. Washington
Friday, Aug. 7: Washington vs. Boston
Sunday, Aug. 9: Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia
Western Conference
Sunday, Aug. 2: Colorado vs. St. Louis (AFN-Sports2, 12:30 a.m. Monday CET; 7:30 a.m. JKT)
Monday, Aug. 3: Las Vegas vs. Dallas
Wednesday, Aug. 5: Dallas vs. Colorado
Thursday, Aug. 6: St. Louis vs. Las Vegas
Saturday, Aug. 8: Colorado vs. Las Vegas
x-Sunday, Aug. 9: St. Louis vs. Dallas

lay of the land at hotels and practice rinks, and some got to see inside the empty arenas they'll be playing in when hockey restarts after the pause that began March 12.

The initial reviews are positive. "I was a little skeptical of the whole process before this all started: How was it going to work? How can they prepare this?" Montreal forward and player representative Paul Byron said. "It didn't seem like they had much time, much notice. ... I'm actually pleased to be surprised coming to the hotel. It seems like they've got

a pretty good setup for us." The setup includes Free Tim Hortons coffee, a selection of restaurants and private transportation from the hotel to the rink. Winnipeg coach Paul Maurice went so far as to call it all "pretty darn normal" while preparing for meaningful elimination in an abnormal sport on the calendar. Midsummer hockey will feel plenty natural when the puck drops. "Obviously happy that we can get this thing going," Bergeron said. "So far, so good." AP hockey writer John Sawrow contributed.

NBA



Referee Tony Brown blows his whistle during an NBA game in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., on Sunday. With no fans at the games, "officials, unfortunately, will hear things they've never heard before," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said.

TIM REYNOLDS/AP

League's TV audience likely to get new sights, sounds

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

During a normal NBA season, the sights and sounds of arenas serve as both a show backdrop and home court advantage for its teams.

But with no fans allowed in the stands for the upcoming restart because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the league's Orlando-area bubble restart will have a decidedly different feel for both players and coaches, as well as the television audience watching from afar.

The NBA has promised to do its best to bring some of the familiar noises and environment that players are used to playing in and fans have grown accustomed to seeing when the curtain officially drops on Thursday night.

Count former NBA coach Stan Van Gundy, who will serve as an analyst for one of TNT's broadcasts on opening night, among those curious to see how players will be affected by the atypical setup and what kind of previously inaudible insights on the court could be available to fans peering in remotely.

"I think the idea is right, because with no noise, it's almost eerie," Van Gundy said. "I mean, it's just not what any player or coach is used to."

Visually, the NBA will be taking advantage of the unique setting by trying to bring fans even closer to the action on the court via a 31-camera setup, the majority of which will be operated robotically.

NBA head of Next Gen telecast Sara Zuckert said the league will be employing an "audio soundscape" that will try to mimic — at least as much as possible — teams' home arenas.

The league began testing some of their new enhancements during scrimmages last week, though they are saving a lot for when games officially count.

"Amplifying microphones in the arena can really lead to an enhanced feel and sound. You'll hear a lot of sneaker squeaks and ball bounces," Zuckert said.

The league has also worked with Microsoft to digitally bring actual fans' faces and voices of fans into broadcasts via their Microsoft Teams platform. These select fans, which will be determined by the home team each game, will be both seen on screens inside the arena and be heard on the telecasts.

Van Gundy said accounting for the fan variable is about necessity as much as innovation.

"It's not like (NBA Commissioner) Adam Silver sat down and said, 'Hey, you know, let's do some of these things. They'll be better than having fans at

the game.' That's not what happened," Van Gundy said. "It was we can't have fans at our game, how can we make the atmosphere the best it can be under the circumstances? And that's what they've attempted to do."

While some on-court interactions will remain muted even with enhanced audio, it certainly won't drown everything out. There's simply no way to account for the lack of the sounds usually created by crowds in NBA arenas that seat anywhere from 18,000 to 20,000.

It could possibly include everything from the occasional curse word getting through to other on-court interactions that teams might want to keep quiet. And the benches could be a factor in providing off-court energy to fill the void created by the lack of fans.

All of it should provide some gifts for players and fans alike, Clippers coach Doc Rivers said.

"I don't think we need scouts right now, because every time a coach makes a call, we're gonna hear it. Every time we make one, they're gonna hear it," he said. "I don't think there will be a lot of secrets, that's for sure. I think players will hear things they've never heard before. Officials, unfortunately, will hear things they've never heard before."

Players know it will be different as well, though some don't expect much of anything beyond good-natured banter — which even referees also join in from time to time.

"Honestly, everybody's so worried about the trash talking," Utah guard Donovan Mitchell said. "There's a lot of just jokes being made on the floor. Obviously, come playoff time that kind of goes out the window."

Trash talk aside, TNT play-by-play man Kevin Harlan said fans will also hopefully get an appreciation for how much coaching happens on the floor, such as by players like Oklahoma City point guard Chris Paul.

"I think it's going to catch people and stun others by surprise when they hear just how much he vocally controls a game," Harlan said. "He uses his voice as much as any player in the game on both ends of the floor — calling out defenses, calling out the offense, directing players in front, telling guys to help shore up an issue... He's just one example of many that I think people are really going to be surprised at just how much communication is going on on the floor."

AP Basketball Writer Tim Reynolds in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., contributed to this report.

Depth: Bigger roles in store for reserves

FROM BACK PAGE

Here's a look at some players who might not be on fans' radars but could play bigger roles during the restart:

Troy Brown Jr., Washington Wizards

Brown was averaging 24.9 minutes before the hiatus, but he could turn into even more of a featured performer during the restart with the Wizards missing Beal and Davis Bertans. The 6-foot-6 forward from Oregon averages 9.7 points, 5.3 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game.

Alex Caruso, Los Angeles Lakers

Caruso was averaging 5.4 points, 1.9 rebounds and 1.8 assists in 17.8 minutes when the hiatus began. With Avery Bradley opting out of the restart and Rajon Rondo breaking his thumb in practice this month, the 6-5 Caruso should have a greater role off the Lakers' bench during the restart. The Lakers announced July 13 that Rondo would miss six to eight weeks.

Lu Dort, Oklahoma City Thunder

The rookie from Arizona State has thrived this season with 6.2 points and 1.9 rebounds per game. Oklahoma City has a 16-5 record in games that Dort has started. Although the potential return of Andre Roberson from a ruptured patellar tendon that has kept him out 2½ years could complicate Dort's situation, Dennis Schroder expects to leave the bubble temporarily at some point with his wife due to give birth. Dort figures to get more minutes in Schroder's absence.

George Hill, Milwaukee Bucks

Hill was shooting 48% from three-point range — well above his career average of 38.5% and light years better than his 2018-19 average of 28% — before the stoppage in play. The 34-year-old guard as well as teammate Doni DiVincenzo could be even bigger factors in the early part of the restart since Bucks teammates Eric Bledsoe and Pat Connaughton have tested positive for coronavirus, although both are now in Florida.

Tyler Johnson, Brooklyn Nets

Although he signed with the Nets only a month ago, Johnson could have a featured role because of all the players his new team is missing. The 6-foot-4 guard had played in 31 games for Phoenix this season and averaged 5.7 points, 1.7 rebounds and 1.6 assists in 16.6 minutes before getting waived in February. He posted double-figure scoring averages three consecutive seasons from 2016-17 to 2018-19.

Gary Trent Jr., Portland Trail Blazers

Trent showed flashes of his potential in the month prior to the pandemic, as he scored 22 against Miami on Feb. 9, 20 against Indiana on Feb. 27 and 24 against Orlando on March 2. The 6-5 guard has averaged 7.7 points and 20 minutes but likely will get more playing time now that teammate Trevor Ariza has opted out of the restart.

Scoreboard

Schedule

All games in Orlando, Fla.

Thursday, July 30

Utah vs. New Orleans

Orlando vs. Brooklyn

Friday, July 31

Orlando vs. L.A. Lakers

Memphis vs. Portland

Phoenix vs. Washington

Boston vs. Milwaukee

Sacramento vs. San Antonio

Houston vs. Dallas

Saturday, Aug. 1

Miami vs. Denver

Utah vs. Oklahoma City

New Orleans vs. L.A. Clippers

Boston vs. Indianapolis

L.A. Lakers vs. Toronto

Sunday, Aug. 2

Washington vs. Brooklyn

Phoenix vs. Boston

San Antonio vs. Memphis

Memphis vs. Orlando

Milwaukee vs. Houston

Dallas vs. Phoenix

Monday, Aug. 3

Toronto vs. Miami

Denver vs. Oklahoma City

Indianapolis vs. Washington

Phoenix vs. New Orleans

San Antonio vs. Philadelphia

L.A. Lakers vs. Utah

Tuesday, Aug. 4

Brooklyn vs. Milwaukee

Dallas vs. Sacramento

Phoenix vs. L.A. Clippers

Orlando vs. Minneapolis

Boston vs. Miami

Houston vs. Portland

Wednesday, Aug. 5

Memphis vs. Utah

Philadelphia vs. Washington

Denver vs. San Antonio

Phoenix vs. City of L.A. Lakers

Toronto vs. Orlando

Brooklyn vs. Boston

New Orleans vs. Sacramento

Miami vs. Milwaukee

Indianapolis vs. Phoenix

Chicago vs. Dallas

Portland vs. Denver

L.A. Lakers vs. Houston

Friday, Aug. 7

Utah vs. San Antonio

Oklahoma City vs. Memphis

Sacramento vs. Brooklyn

Orlando vs. Philadelphia

Washington vs. New Orleans

Boston vs. Toronto

Saturday, Aug. 8

L.A. Clippers vs. Portland

Utah vs. Denver

L.A. Lakers vs. Indianapolis

Phoenix vs. Miami

Milwaukee vs. Dallas

Sunday, Aug. 9

Washington vs. Oklahoma City

Memphis vs. Toronto

San Antonio vs. New Orleans

Milwaukee vs. Boston

Philadelphia vs. Portland

Houston vs. Sacramento

Brooklyn vs. L.A. Clippers

Monday, Aug. 10

Oklahoma City vs. Phoenix

Dallas vs. Utah

Toronto vs. Milwaukee

Indianapolis vs. Miami

Denver vs. L.A. Lakers

Tuesday, Aug. 11

Brooklyn vs. Orlando

Houston vs. San Antonio

Phoenix vs. Philadelphia

Portland vs. Dallas

Boston vs. Memphis

New Orleans vs. Sacramento

Milwaukee vs. Washington

Wednesday, Aug. 12

Indianapolis vs. Houston

Toronto vs. Philadelphia

Miami vs. Oklahoma City

L.A. Clippers vs. Denver

Thursday, Aug. 13

Washington vs. Boston

Portland vs. Brooklyn

Phoenix vs. L.A. Lakers

Milwaukee vs. Memphis

New Orleans vs. Orlando

Dallas vs. Phoenix

San Antonio vs. Utah

Friday, Aug. 14

Philadelphia vs. Houston

Miami vs. Indianapolis

Oklahoma City vs. L.A. Clippers

Denver vs. Toronto

COLLEGE FOOTBALL/NFL



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Notre Dame running back Jafar Armstrong, right, stiff-arms Virginia Tech linebacker Rayshard Ashby during a Nov. 2 game last season in South Bend, Ind. The Atlantic Coast Conference and Notre Dame are considering whether the Fighting Irish will play as a member of the league in 2020. The bigger question is whether outbreaks will plague the sport this season.

MLB COVID-19 outbreak shows college football's vulnerabilities

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

Those working to get college sports up and running have been hoping the return of professional sports would provide valuable information that could aid their efforts to play through a pandemic.

A COVID-19 outbreak for a Major League Baseball team three days into its season forced two games to be postponed Monday and brought a glimpse of how difficult the task will be.

"We're still learning things and this is a data point, there's no doubt about that," Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said. "We're doing what our scientists and doctors are telling us to do. Move forward slowly and constantly reevaluate."

"I think this will just be the new normal. There will be ebbs and flows and there'll be disruptions."

Like MLB — and unlike the NBA, NHL, WNBA and MLS — college sports will try to conduct their seasons outside a controlled, virus-free bubble. The first major college football games in an evolving schedule that should start to come into focus this week are a little more than a month away.

COVID-19 flare-ups have shut down voluntary workouts throughout July at about two dozen major college football programs, including Ohio State, North Carolina, Kansas State and Houston. Last week, Michigan State and Rutgers both announced positive tests among players and staff led to 14-day quarantine for their entire teams.

Full-blown practices for teams trying to start their seasons around the Labor Day weekend will begin by early next week.

Greater challenges lie ahead and what happened to the Marlins could be an ominous sign, said Zachary Binney, an epidemiologist at Oxford College of Emory University.

"The biggest thing that I see is this is a demonstration of just how quickly COVID-19 can rip through a clubhouse and a team even in a sport like baseball where practices and games are pretty conducive to physical distancing," Binney said. "It's definitely alarming. You have to expect things would look even worse in a sport like football where the practices have contact, the games have contact and you have bigger rosters. Because the virus getting into a team is just a numbers game. The more people you have the more likely it sneaks in."

The Miami Marlins outbreak rippled through baseball. Not only was their home opener with Bal-

"If it gets to the point where it's not at all manageable then we'll have to adjust in real time."

Bob Bowlsby
Big 12 commissioner

timore postponed, but so was the Phillies' game against the Yankees. The Marlins played at Philadelphia on Sunday after several players tested positive and the next day the total number of positive players and staffers was more than a dozen.

When the Marlins or the Phillies will play next is unclear.

Lucia Mullen, an epidemiologist and senior analyst at Johns Hopkins University, said there could be lessons to take from how soon those teams are competing again.

"The next kind of pinnacle that other sports should be looking at is did they find (the infected) fast enough? Were they able to find all potential cases and stop the spread there or have they been too slow in their testing, in their contact tracing, that someone slipped through and we're going to see more and more cases pop up?" Mullen said. "Because if that's the case, we're not testing enough."

Recent NCAA guidelines recommended testing college football players once a week during the season, within 72 hours of a game. The Power Five conferences are working on their own protocols which make a similar recommendation.

Bowlsby said having worked on bringing back college sports since March he tries to avoid overvaluing singular events such as the Marlins' outbreak.

"Any good news is welcome. Any bad news is not surprising," Bowlsby said. "I didn't have an emotional reaction to it. I think we learned something from it. I was not surprised at all that there were positive tests. There will be positive tests in other sports, too. There will be positive tests on campuses when students return and within athletics programs."

"If it gets to the point where it's not at all manageable then we'll have to adjust in real time. And that adjustment could be everything from changes in schedules, changes in current practices to a discontinuation of the activities."

NFL briefs

Goodell explains plan for season in letter to fans

Associated Press

NEW YORK — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has sent a letter to fans outlining the league's plans to play during the coronavirus pandemic.

As veterans begin reporting to training camps this week, Goodell noted Monday how COVID-19 has "turned the world upside down."

"COVID-19 will continue to present a major challenge to nearly every area of American life. Football is no exception," Goodell wrote.

"Every step of the way, our focus has been on the safety of players, coaches, personnel, fans and our communities. Our planning has followed the lead of medical experts and public health officials, including the CDC, the White House Task Force, governors and state health officials. As we have developed our 2020 playbook for the return of football, safety continues to be our first priority; that commitment will remain paramount as players return to the field."

The league and the players' union reached agreement on a plan last Friday, after all pre-season games were canceled. Team facilities were shut down by Goodell in late March and only began reopening on a cautious basis this summer.

"The NFL in 2020 will not look like other years," Goodell added. "Players and coaches will be tested for the virus regularly, including every day for a while. Preseason games have been canceled. Everyone in the team environment must follow rigorous health and safety protocols to keep themselves and each other safe. When there is a positive test, strict regulations will be enforced to isolate and care for that individual and to contain the virus before it spreads."

"Even the sideline will look different. And, state and local health guidelines will each determine whether fans will attend the games. These adjustments are necessary to reduce the risk for everyone involved."

Goodell stressed the need for adaptability on all levels, citing how a virtual draft was held in April. All 32 teams held remote offseason training sessions, too.

The NFL has opted not to create a bubble environment, something the NHL, NBA, WNBA and MLS have done. With Major League Baseball experiencing difficulties on its first weekend of play with a player similar to the NFL's, there is added anxiety about what Goodell's league has planned.



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said state and local health guidelines will help determine whether fans will attend the league's games.

"This week training camps across the country are starting and before we know it, the NFL season will be here," he wrote.

Vikings' control officer tests positive for COVID

MINNEAPOLIS — The day before the scheduled arrival of returning players to training camps around the NFL, the Minnesota Vikings served as a sobering example of the challenge of running a football team during a global pandemic.

Vice president of sports medicine Eric Sugarman, who's in charge of the organization's virus prevention strategy, has tested positive for COVID-19, the team announced.

About four hours later on Monday, the Vikings placed four rookies — including first-round draft pick wide receiver Justin Jefferson — on the league's newly created reserve list for COVID-19. Those players, the Vikings said, were not infected by Sugarman.

Sugarman said he and his family members immediately quarantined themselves and began following the NFL's related protocols after receiving the news of the positive tests over the weekend. Sugarman, who has two teenage sons with his wife, Heather, was appointed infection control officer for the Vikings earlier this year after the virus outbreak necessitated such a role.

"At this time we are all doing fine and experiencing only mild symptoms," Sugarman said.

MLB

Roundup

Rays fan 19 Braves in a romp

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Hunter Renfroe homered twice and Tampa Bay pitchers set a team nine-inning record with 19 strikeouts in the Rays' 14-5 romp over the Atlanta Braves on Monday night.

Atlanta starter Mike Foltynewicz (0-1) gave up six runs, four-earned, after four walks in 3 1/3 innings.

The 2018 All-Star was designated for assignment after the game. Tyler Glasnow struck out nine and allowed one hit over four innings in his first start after missing part of summer camp with the Rays after testing positive for the coronavirus. Diego Castillo (1-0) struck out two in a 10-pitch fifth and Jalen Beeks fanned seven over his three innings.

Dansby Swanson and Matt Adams homered for the Braves. Swanson tied a career-high with five RBIs and stopped a 41-game homerless streak in Atlanta's 14-1 win Sunday night over the New York Mets.

Cubs 8, Reds 7: Anthony Rizzo homered for the third time and Chicago let most of a seven-run lead slip away before Jeremy Jeffress closed out a victory at Cincinnati.

Athletics 3, Angels 0: Mark Canha homered for the first time this season. Chris Bassitt (1-0) escaped a big jam and host Oakland beat Los Angeles as the teams concluded their season-opening wraparound series.

Brewers 6, Pirates 5 (11): Eric Sogard doubled home Matt Holte in the 11th inning and Milwaukee rallied for a rain-delayed win at Pittsburgh.

Astros 8, Mariners 5: Alex Bregman hit his 100th career home run, a three-run shot, and Jose Altuve added a solo drive to help host Houston win over Seattle.

Padres 6, Diamondbacks 2: Fernando Tatis Jr. raced around the bases on a three-run triple that highlighted a five-run rally and Trent Grisham hit his first home run for San Diego, which took three of four games in its opening series at home.

Blue Jays 4, Nationals 1: Teoscar Hernandez hit two of Toronto's four solo homers off Analís Sanchez (0-1) to account for all his team's scoring in a win in Washington.

Royals 14, Tigers 6: Maikel Franco hit two of Kansas City's six home runs, spoiling Detroit's fan-free home opener.

Mets 7, Red Sox 4: Michael Conforto, Pete Alonso and Dominic Smith all homered, Michael Wacha pitched well over five innings and New York won at Boston.

Scoreboard

American League					Monday									
East Division					Brewers 6, Pirates 5 (11)									
W	L	Pct	GB											
Tampa Bay	2	1	.667	1/2	Milwaukee	ab	r	bi		St. Louis	ab	r	bi	
Baltimore	2	2	.500	1	Cain	5	1	2	1	Newman	5	0	0	0
New York	2	2	.500	1	Huizar	5	1	1	1	Bell	2	0	0	0
Toronto	2	2	.500	1	Yellish	5	0	0	0	Briz	5	0	0	0
Boston	2	2	.500	2	Ward	5	0	0	0	Smith	5	0	0	0
Central Division														
Cleveland	2	1	.667	1/2	Goryko	3b	3	0	0	Gonzalez	3b	3	0	0
Minnesota	2	1	.667	1/2	Smith	1b	3	0	0	Polansky	3b	3	0	0
Detroit	2	2	.500	1	Garci	1b	4	1	0	Osuna	rf	3	0	0
Kansas City	2	2	.500	1	Valia	3b	3	0	0	Herr pr-rf	3b	3	0	0
Chicago	1	2	.333	1	Simon	1b	3	1	0	Stallings	3b	3	0	0
West Division														
Houston	3	1	.750	1/2	Morrison	ph	1	0	0	Stallings	3b	3	0	0
Oakland	3	1	.750	1/2	Arca	ss	1	0	0	Murphy	c	3	0	0
Los Angeles	3	1	.750	1/2	Arca	ss	1	0	0	Murphy	c	3	0	0
Texas	3	1	.750	1/2	Totals	42	11	6	1	Totals	35	5	4	4
Seattle	1	3	.250	2	Milwaukee	0	0	0	0	Milwaukee	0	0	0	0
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National League					E-D-Williams (1), Newman (2), DP-Milwaukee 2, Pittsburgh 3, Los Angeles 2, Kansas City 2, St. Louis 2, Houston 2, Braun (1), Sogard (1), Phillips (1), Jones (1), SF-Schoop (1).									
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Miami	2	1	.667	1/2	Milwaukee	5	1	1	3	1	1	3		
Atlanta	2	1	.667	1/2	D-Williams	5	1	1	3	1	1	3		
New York	2	2	.500	1	Claudio	5	1	1	3	1	1	3		
Philadelphia	2	2	.500	1	Adler	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Washington	1	2	.333	1	Hader	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
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Milwaukee	2	1	.667	1/2	Stratton	1b	3	2	3	0	0	1		
Cincinnati	2	1	.667	1/2	Adler	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Pittsburgh	2	1	.667	1/2	Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
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San Francisco	3	1	.750	1/2	Totals	3	2	3	0	0	0	1		
Arizona	1	3	.250	2	Totals	40	14	2	1	0	0	6		
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Los Angeles 6, Toronto 5, 10 innings					Stirling <th colspan="5">Cabrera</th>					Cabrera				
Colorado 5, Texas 2					Mondesi <th colspan="5">Stewart</th>					Stewart				
Minnesota 14, Chicago White Sox 2					Adler <th colspan="5">Luzb</th>					Luzb				
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Fauci: Outbreak could endanger season

More than a dozen Marlins players, staff test positive for coronavirus

By STEVEN WINE
Associated Press

MIAMI—The Miami Marlins' coronavirus outbreak could endanger the Major League Baseball season, Dr. Anthony Fauci said, as the number of their players testing positive rose to 15.

The Marlins received positive test results for four additional players Tuesday, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press. The person declined to be identified because the results had not been publicly released.

Nine players on the 30-man roster, two taxi squad players and two staff members tested positive earlier, stranding the team in Philadelphia and raising anew questions about MLB's attempts to conduct a season.

"This could put it in danger," said Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert. "I don't believe they need to stop, but we just need to follow this and see what happens with other teams on a day-by-day basis."

Fauci made his comments on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"Major League Baseball—the players, the owners, the managers—have put a lot of effort into getting together and putting protocols that we feel would work," Fauci said. "It's very unfortunate what happened with the Miami (Marlins)."

Their outbreak continued to disrupt Major League Baseball's schedule Tuesday, the sixth day

of the pandemic-delayed season, with the Marlins' home game against Baltimore postponed and the New York Yankees' game at Philadelphia postponed for the second straight day, according to a person familiar with the league's decision.

The Yankees, as the visiting team, would have been in the same clubhouse the Marlins used last weekend.

Nine Marlins players on the 30-man roster, two taxi squad players and two staff members tested positive, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press, speaking on the condition of anonymity because the results hadn't been publicly disclosed.

"Obviously, we don't want any player to get exposed. It's not a positive thing," Commissioner Rob Manfred said on the MLB Network. "But I don't see it as a nightmare. ... We think we can keep people safe and continue to play."

The Yankees are staying in Philadelphia and have their own clubhouse staff with the team there, a person familiar with their plans said, also speaking on the condition of anonymity because details were not disclosed. The Marlins postponed their flight home Sunday night after their series finale against the Phillies.

The Orioles planned to fly to Baltimore from Miami on Monday night. They are scheduled to host the Marlins in a two-game series starting Wednesday.

"If the testing results are ac-



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Healthcare worker Dante Hills, left, passes paperwork to a woman in a vehicle at a COVID-19 testing site outside of Marlins Park on Monday in Miami. The Marlins' home opener against the Baltimore Orioles was postponed as the Marlins deal with a virus outbreak that stranded them in Philadelphia.

ceptable, the Marlins will resume play in Baltimore on Wednesday against the Orioles," Manfred said.

Meanwhile, Chicago White Sox manager Rick Renteria will be kept away from his team after experiencing a "slight cough and nasal congestion," general manager Rick Hahn said.

The Marlins' outbreak was the talk of baseball, and Washington Nationals manager Dave Martinez choked on his words as he discussed the situation. Martinez missed time last season because of a heart condition, and the Nationals are scheduled to play in Miami this weekend.

"I'm going to be honest with you: I'm scared," Martinez said. "My level of concern went from about an eight to a 12. I mean this thing really hits home now. ... I got guys in our clubhouse that are really concerned, as well."

MLB announced the postponement of the two Monday games about eight hours before the scheduled first pitch and said additional COVID-19 testing was being conducted.

"The members of the Marlins' traveling party are self-quarantining in place while awaiting the outcome of these results," MLB said in a statement.

The Marlins played infielder Garrett Cooper, outfielder Harold Ramirez and right-hander Jose Urena on the injured list. They claimed right-hander Justin Shafer and left-hander Josh Smith off waivers from Cincinnati, and will likely rely heavily on reinforcements from their training camp in Jupiter, Fla.

Because there are no minor league games this season, teams are allowed to retain 60 players each. They have 30-man rosters during the first two weeks of the

season plus a taxi squad of up to three players for every road trip, giving them immediate options to replace ailing players.

Atlanta might have been the source of the Marlins' outbreak. They played exhibition games there last week against the Braves, who have since been without their top two catchers, Tyler Flowers and Travis d'Arnaud, after both showed symptoms of COVID-19.

MLB and the union held talks Monday after aspects of the protocols were widely ignored during the season's first four days, such as the prohibitions on high-fives and other physical celebrations.

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CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

White Sox manager Rick Renteria, left, bumps elbows with Minnesota Twins manager Rocco Baldelli on Friday in Chicago. After waking up Monday with a slight cough and nasal congestion, Renteria is isolating, pending the results of medical tests.

Renteria isolating pending tests

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

CLEVELAND—Chicago White Sox manager Rick Renteria woke up Monday with "a slight cough and nasal congestion" and will be kept away from the team pending the results of medical tests.

Bench coach Joe McEwing will manage the White Sox until the team learns more about Renteria's condition. Monday's opener of a three-game set at Cleveland was postponed by rain and was to be made up Tuesday as part of a traditional doubleheader.

General manager Rick Hahn released a statement saying the 58-year-old Renteria was taken to a Cleveland hospital for evaluation and tests.

"Out of an abundance of caution, Ricky will remain at the team hotel and not manage until we receive confirmation of today's test result," Hahn said.

The team did not say if Renteria, who is in his fourth season as White Sox manager, was being tested for the coronavirus.

Before Monday's postponement, McEwing said on a Zoom conference call that he spoke to Renteria

several times and that "he feels great, feels fine. Just being very cautious."

The White Sox announced July 5 they had two players test positive for the coronavirus. The team never identified the players, but star third baseman Yoenis Moncada revealed his positive test result after he rejoined the team.

"We're just continuing to focus on what we're doing, taking the correct measures to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can," McEwing said. "As an organization and as training staff we've done a pretty good job so far, and hopefully it continues that way."

McEwing is satisfied the team has been following the proper procedures to handle a potential outbreak, something every team fears.

"Major League Baseball and us as an organization have done a fantastic job of monitoring this daily," he said. "We're getting our temperatures taken three times a day. If we have symptoms, we're getting checked right away, so we are monitoring closely on a daily basis everybody who has been in contact with anyone who has symptoms and taking the correct measures."

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Depth charge

Bench strength expected to be crucial during NBA title chase

By STEVE MEGARREE
Associated Press

NBA teams recognize that bench strength will likely be more of a factor than usual during this pandemic-delayed title chase in which a positive coronavirus test could sideline an elite player at any moment.

"Depth is going to be at a premium for everyone," New Orleans Pelicans general manager David Griffin said.

The good news for teams is that league officials said last week that 346 players had been tested on the NBA campus since the last coronavirus results were announced July 13, with no positives. But the reality they also recognize is how a positive test could impact a team's roster.

Notable players to test positive for the coronavirus before teams left for Disney's Wide World of Sports include Houston's Russell Westbrook, Sacramento's Harrison Barnes and Milwaukee's Eric Bledsoe, though all of them have since cleared protocols to return to Florida. Washington's Bradley Beal heads the list of players who have opted out of participating in the restart.

The Brooklyn Nets won't have Wilson Chandler, Spencer Dinwiddie, DeAndre Jordan and Taurean Prince for the restart and already were without injured stars Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving.

And that doesn't even account for basketball-related setbacks such as the foot injury Sacramento Kings forward Marvin Bagley sustained in practice to knock him out of the restart.

Because of the 4½-month break between regular-season games, teams are likely to give their starters limited minutes, particularly in the early going.

The increased risk of losing players for an extended period at any time also will require teams to prepare backup plans.

"If you've been in the league a long time, you've had to deal with one injury, two injuries, three injuries, and the timing of it can be not the best," Milwaukee Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said. "You have to find a way to continue to persevere and work and get better and find ways to advance if it's the playoffs. We're in a bubble. It's unique. It's different. But there are things that all of us have had to deal with if you've been in long playoff runs for a long time."

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